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# Driverless pods to be trialled at Milton Park to cut car use

By Owen Hughes

DRIVERLESS electronic pods will be trialled on public roads following plans to halve car usage at Milton Park.

The pilot will be the first use of fully connected and autonomous vehicles on public roads in the UK.

Innovate UK, the government's innovation agency, announced the award of £2.5million in funding to trial the self-driving vehicles at Milton Park.

Commuters will be able to travel in the electric-powered pods on public roads that link Milton Park with nearby transport services.

Matthew Barber, leader of Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "We are delighted to receive the Innovate UK grant that confirms our ambitions to establish the Science Vale at the forefront of bringing zero emission autonomous public transport to our region."

John Cotton, leader of South Oxfordshire District Council, said the driverless pods are "one of the main principles in the Didcot Garden Town plan".

He added: "The funding will deliver an exciting regular commercial service, using innovative transport, to connect residents, visitors and workers to the surrounding business community based on Milton."

The Didcot Garden Town master plan includes a north-south route dedicated to sustainable modes of transport, such as cycling, e-bikes and autonomous pods.

Most travel between Didcot Parkway station and the large science and business hub is made in private vehicles, but the project seeks to reduce car usage within the site by half.

The 30-month project will be undertaken by a consortium of organisations from different backgrounds who are investing in the development of autonomous vehicles, led by UK transport operator FirstGroup.

John Birtwistle, project lead for FirstGroup, said: "We're excited to be leading the first mainstream use of autonomous vehicles in the UK.

"By connecting the Milton Park development with the existing regional transport infrastructure, including Great Western Railway trains at Didcot Parkway station, commuters will see a tangible reason to leave their cars at home.

"It's a huge step towards tackling the problem of congestion on our roads and enabling the sustainable future development of the business park and, potentially, other similar sites in the future."

In October 2016, a driverless vehicle equipped with Oxford-developed autonomy software was tested successfully in public for the first time in the UK.

## St Blaise of glory

PUPILS at a primary school didn't need to hold out the begging bowl to stage their production of Oliver!

Developer Redrow Homes were only too happy to help out by sponsoring the musical at St Blaise CofE Primary School at Milton Hill.

The housebuilder is keen to play an active role in the communities in which it operates.

Headteacher Ruth Leach said they were grateful to Redrow for its support.

Tonia Taylor, sales director for Redrow Homes (South Midlands) said: "We were pleased to be able to help support the school in encouraging the children to build their confidence by taking to the stage and wish them well with their fundraising run."

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# Council branded traitors over homes on green belt

By George Welch

MEMBERS of the public shouted "traitors" as controversial plans for 4,400 homes on parts of Oxford's green belt moved a step closer this week.

Protestors turned out in their dozens as Cherwell District Council agreed to have the partial review of its local plan examined independently.

The decision means a plan for 1,950 homes – the biggest site – east of the A44 at Begbroke and 1,180 homes north of Oxford between Cutteslowe and the A34 will go to an independent planning assessment.

The council is also seeking permission to build another 440 homes west of the A44 near Yarnton, a further 330 on the south and west boundaries of Kidlington and another 500 on the edge of Woodstock.

Although the homes could drastically impact life in villages north of Oxford, Cllr Colin Clarke, Cherwell council's lead member for housing, said the authority has an obligation to help Oxford City Council meet its housing needs.

> *"... in some cases there is very little choice but to build on green belt"*
> *Councillor Colin Clarke*

He said: "I can understand the views of the residents in the southern part of the district but at the end of the day from my point of view the right decision was made and had to be made. Whether we like it or not, central government is pressing local authorities to build more and more homes and in some cases there is very little choice but to build on green belt."

Thousands of homes could now be built on land supposedly designated to preserve undeveloped wild or agricultural land around urban areas.

Oxfordshire County Council and Highways England were among those to raise concerns about the potential impact of increased traffic in the area arising from the plans.

Outside the meeting at Bodicote House in Banbury demonstrators chanted "save our green belt" and "stop Oxford's sprawl".

Helen Marshall, director of the Campaign to Protect Rural England Oxfordshire, said: "We need housing but what we really do need is the right housing in the right place and we don't think the plans Cherwell is putting forward meet either of those criteria."

The council also approved plans to buy Castle Quay shopping centre in Banbury and build a multi-million pound leisure complex next door.

## InBrief

### Cleared of rape

A MAN accused of raping a clubber in a city centre alleyway has been cleared of all charges.

Suranga Wijethunga, of Speedwell Street, Oxford was found not guilty at Oxford Crown Court following a six-day trial that ended on Tuesday last week.

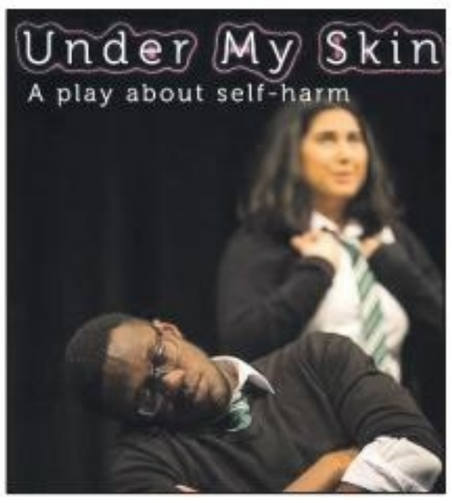
The 32-year-old was also acquitted of engaging in sexual activity without consent. Jurors were told by prosecutors Mr Wijethunga had raped the woman near Atik nightclub in the early hours of June 18 last year.

### Growth deal agreed

ALL six Oxfordshire councils have now approved the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal.

Chancellor Philip Hammond said the five councils – plus the county council – would be given £215million for infrastructure, to provide affordable homes and planning to build 100,000 homes by 2031.

Cherwell District Council was the last to give its support this week.




## Award-winning self-harm play returns to schools

AN award-nominated play aimed at challenging the taboos about self-harm is returning for a third tour of Oxfordshire schools this month.

Under My Skin has been raising awareness about the issue among the county's teenagers and promoting the services available to young people affected over the past two years.

The play will be shown to Year 8 and 9 pupils as part of an initiative to tackle self-harm and related stigma.

Self-abuse accounted for more than 552 hospital admissions of people aged 10-24 in Oxfordshire in 2015/16.

The play, commissioned by Oxfordshire County Council and produced by Pegasus Theatre, was performed in 30 schools in 2017.

Since starting in 2016 it has reached more than 10,000 young people in Years 8 and 9 across the county.

Hilary Hibbert-Biles, responsible for public health at the county council, said: "Self-harm can be difficult to talk about and we wanted to continue using Under My Skin to help empower young people to discuss the issue openly and honestly, ensuring they know how and where to access support if they need it."

Following its first run, the play was a finalist in the Public Mental Health and Wellbeing category for the Royal Society for Public Health Awards, in October 2016.

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## Baby Belle's a little beauty

MEET Belle, the first white rhino to be hand-reared at Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Animal keepers separated the 11st infant, who guzzled nearly 18 pints of milk a day, from mum Nancy after needing treatment for an injured leg.

A team of rhino keepers were with her 24-hours a day until she could be reintroduced to her mother Nancy.

Belle was born in October with her right foreleg twisted over, meaning she stood on her carpus joint, similar to a wrist.

Belle has since gained more than 34st, her leg has healed well and she is spending more time with her mum. She now drinks around 74 pints of milk a day.

Belle enjoys some of her 74 pints a day from keeper Hayley and inset, in her plaster cast
Pictures: Cotswold Wildlife Park

# Brexit threat to future of fusion

By George Welch

AN MEP concerned with the future of a 'world-leading' nuclear power project near Abingdon has called on the government to be 'very clear' about its commitment to the multi-million pound scheme.

John Howarth believes Theresa May's 'off-the-cuff commitment' to leave an EU-wide treaty promoting nuclear research "threatens the future of fusion research in which Britain has led the way".

The EU covers £60million – or 88 per cent – of the running costs at the Joint European Torus (JET) project, which employs 1,300 workers at its Culham Science Centre base, but the UK's contract to host the facility ends in December.

The complications of Brexit negotiations have raised major questions over the future of the world's largest current fusion experiment.

"If the Conservative government gets Brexit wrong it will seriously affect Britain's world-leading scientific reputation," said Labour MEP Mr Howarth, who last week hosted an event in Culham with nuclear experts to discuss challenges ahead.

"Fusion research is far too complex for any one country to pursue on its own. These projects hinge on cross-border collaboration and involve scientists from every EU member state and beyond."

The theory is that fusion will provide plentiful clean energy when developed on a commercial scale, with the first successful proof of concept experiments being carried out at Culham.

Mr Howarth added: "The government needs to be very clear about its future commitment to the project."

Ian Chapman, CEO of the UK Atomic Energy Authority, the parent company of Culham Science Centre, also told the Guardian that finding a way to continue JET is 'hugely important for the UK, Europe and the world'.

He added that fusion is about to "enter the delivery era" – and that JET "has a pivotal role to play on the path to delivering fusion power to the grid".

John Howarth, left, with Lorne Horton, head of the JET Exploitation Unit

The government has drawn fire for the decision to leave Euratom as it will have to negotiate new treaties with third party countries.

Abingdon MP Layla Moran accused the government of 'saying warm words about funding replacements' but has 'yet to demonstrate how everything will operate in practice'.

# Cycle path to close to allow work on walkway

CONSTRUCTION of a covered walkway linking a new £20million car park to Didcot Parkway Station will lead to a much-used cycle path being closed for a year.

Vegetation is being cleared this week on the route along Station Road, between Foxhall Bridge and Didcot Parkway Station, to allow reconstruction of the footbridge.

Work began at 7.30am on Monday and is expected to be completed by 5pm tomorrow.

Following consultation with sustainable transport charity Sustrans, it was decided the cycle path should remain closed until early 2019 while the new footbridge is built.

Pedestrians can use the footpath to the south of the works while cyclists will have to use Station Road.

A Network Rail spokesperson said: "We recognise that construction work on the railway can be disruptive to those living or working nearby.

"The nature of our work often means some disturbance is unavoidable, but please be assured that every effort is made to minimise any unnecessary noise and we have reminded all staff to be considerate to our neighbours."

The new covered footbridge is at the west end of the station and, when completed, will provide customers with a direct, covered walkway route from Foxhall Road car park to the station.

The sign announcing the closure

## InBrief

### Sexual assault

POLICE are on the hunt for a man who sexually assaulted a woman in Wallingford.

The victim, a 35-year-old woman, was walking along the High Street, near to Croft Road and Station Road, towards Wallingford when she was attacked.

She was near the benches on the outskirts of Kinecroft Park on February 16 at about 11.30pm when a man touched her inappropriately.

The woman was not injured.

The man is described as between 20 and 30 years old, and is about 5ft 3ins tall.

He has a slim build and was wearing a dark coloured body warmer with no sleeves which had lines across it. He was also wearing a dark long sleeved top and jeans.

Investigating officer PC Alison Foster said members of the public were walking in the same direction on the other side of the road, including a woman who was walking three dogs.

Call police on 101 quoting reference 43180050501 if you have information.

### Power tools theft

POWER tools have been stolen from a yellow van in Childrey, near Wantage.

The theft in Chapel Way happened between 10pm on Wednesday last week and 7.19am the following day.

Officers said unknown offenders broke into the ford transit, registration plate F***JVU, and stole the power tools.

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# Farmer hatches plans to protect hens after arson

By George Welch

A FARMER is hoping to crack how to protect his 8,000 hens – by building a four-bedroomed family home on site.

Ben Lay's wish for a chicken worker to live on his farm was prompted by fowl play after an arson attack in December 2015 that wiped out half of his egg-laying hens.

In a planning application lodged this month, agents acting on Mr Lay's behalf said: "We would argue that there is an essential need to house a worker on site.

"During the pre-application advice process we submitted evidence proving an arson attack on the site which resulted in the death of 4,000 laying hens and the destruction of their accommodation."

The farm is based at Stone Pitt Barn on the A415, just to the west of Millets Farm Centre near Abingdon.

There is no accommodation currently on site and Mr Lay lives two miles away in Fyfield village.

This means he cannot oversee the safety of the birds out of business hours when the site is deserted.

The application added: "We feel this fulfils part of the evidence required for the need for an essential worker to live permanently on site.

"In order to protect my clients' business and the lives of his hens we feel it is imperative this application is granted."

Mr Lay's family have lived and farmed at Manor Farm in nearby Fyfield for 120 years.

In 2010, Ben Lay's Free Range Ltd was established at Stone Pitt Barn, originally housing 4,000 free range laying hens in one barn with free range space.

A second hen house was built in 2015 before the arson attack, doubling the number of hens to 8,000, and its profitability could justify an expansion of another 4,000 hens in the near future.

The company, which provides 2.4 million eggs per year, supplies free range eggs to Waitrose.

The proposal, which can be viewed at tinyurl.com/y7nntqbw, can be commented on until March 14. Vale of White Horse District Council has set a target decision date of April 11.

A climbing wall was one of the many attractions for youngsters

# Young building for the future

YOUNG people in south Oxfordshire shared ideas about the future of their villages over games and a slice of pizza at a community event.

More than 80 children, between seven and 16 years old, took part in the Vision of the Future drop-in sessions hosted by the steering group developing the Wootton and St Helen Without Neighbourhood Plan.

The events took place at Dalton Barracks Community Centre in Shippon and Wootton Community Centre.

Alisha from Dalton Barracks said: "It was a really fun day and I feel like my voice was listened to."

Richard Bahu, one of the steering group organisers, said: "We really want young people to get involved and have their say.

"This is invaluable in helping us to shape our plan and we're very grateful to them all for coming along.

"We appreciated the support from the team at Vale of White Horse District Council, the Damascus Youth Project and Oxfordshire Play Association in setting up the events.

"We were very grateful to My Community (Locality) which gave us a grant."

More information is on the WSHWNP website: wshwnp.org.uk.

## InBrief

### Train meeting

HENLEY MP John Howell has invited the managing director of train operator GWR to a public meeting in the town to discuss the 'poor' performance of the branch line service.

The Conservative said he wants to chat to Mark Hopwood following constituents' complaints of poor punctuality.

Mr Howell said the issues of greatest concern are peak congestion, punctuality and cancellations.

No meeting has been confirmed yet.

### Here comes Trevor

THE votes have been cast and the totals tallied up – 12 new food waste recycling trucks have been christened with some rather unique names.

Soon, Munching Molly, Chompy, Compost Carl, Monster Munching Michael, Foody Fred and Banana-munch Bob will be motoring around scooping up the Vale district's waste.

Meanwhile, South is ready to unleash Trashosaurus, Garbage Gobbler, Green Bean Machine, Waste Warrior, Chomper Charlie and Trevor.

The names were nominated by primary school children and voted for by residents. The children who put forward the winning names scooped family swimming passes.

# Orchestra founders' delight at first concert

DIDCOT resounded to the sweet sounds of its very own symphony last month as its first orchestra made its debut.

Didcot Concert Orchestra's inaugural performance opened with A Fanfare for Didcot – specially composed for the orchestra – at the Cornerstone Arts Centre on February 11.

Husband and wife Geoff and Jackie Bushell co-founded the orchestra together after performing in various Oxford orchestras for more than 45 years.

The audience were treated to rarely performed renditions of classical compositions by Brahms and Ponchielli.

Jackie, who plays oboe and cor anglais in the orchestra, said: "We are delighted to have fulfilled our ambition to set up a high quality orchestra in our home town, and to have been able to attract such a good audience at our very first concert."

César Franck's contemplative symphonic poem Psyché closed the show.

Geoff said: "The feedback we received from both audience and players after the concert certainly showed that this unjustly neglected gem was much enjoyed.

"In the world of classical music, there are many pieces which have been neglected with the passage of time.

"I want to champion these pieces, to give audiences a chance to hear them possibly for the first time."

Oxford soloist Jacqueline Johnson will join the orchestra for the next performance at the Cornerstone on October 14.

Geoff and Jackie Bushell formed the amateur orchestra in their home town of 30 years

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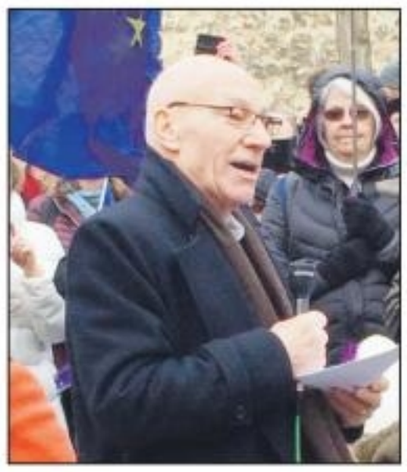

The Brexit bus in the city centre and inset, Layla Moran MP and Sir Patrick Stewart address the crowds
**Pictures**: *Oxford for Europe*

# Exit from Brexit calls as bus pulls into city

By George Welch

DOZENS of pro-EU campaigners undeterred by sub-zero temperatures demanded 'an exit from Brexit' as they welcomed a 'banned' bus to Oxford city centre.

The bus, emblazoned with 'Brexit to cost £2,000million a week', stopped at Oxford's Bonn Square for about an hour on Monday as part of its 33-stop national tour.

Speakers, including actor Sir Patrick Stewart and Oxford West and Abingdon MP Layla Moran, roused campaigners, as well as stirring a reaction from hecklers.

Sir Patrick said: "I want to urge that we think again, now that we are learning the real cost of Brexit.

"At the front of all our passports, the words read: European Union and then United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

"If Brexit happens, those first two words will be erased and I will offer it to immigration officials around the world with less pride than I presently do."

He added: "The first time I was on the continent after the [EU] referendum it was on the colourful streets of Ghent and Bruges.

"I felt distinctly uncomfortable, bordering on shame, that my country was now seeking to unravel all that had been achieved."

Mrs Moran added: "I believe in miracles, I really do. Do you remember how we deprived Theresa May of her hard Brexit at the last election?

"Since being elected last June I feel like I've had the front row seat to a car crash. It is time to stop this."

Other speakers included Cathie Wood (Oxford for Europe), Catherine Bearder MEP (Liberal Democrat, South East England), Dr Helen de Cruz (Oxford Brookes University), Drew Galdron (Boris Johnson impersonator), Pater Burke (Oxford GP) and Elise Benjamin (Green Party and former Lord Mayor of Oxford).

Hecklers cut in accusing the campaigners of being undemocratic.

Oxfordshire County Council refused to allow the bus to stop on Broad Street, where organisers Oxford for Europe had wanted it to park.

The authority said it had to be politically neutral but after admitting it was wrong to do so, refused it as the event did not merit removing traffic restrictions.

The tour began in Camden and Islington on Wednesday last week and concluded in Luton yesterday.

# Trade fair to showcase students' skills

SECONDARY school pupils are putting their business nous to the test at a trade fair.

The students will be taking part in Young Enterprise's flagship programme to set up stands and sell their products on Saturday.

The event in Abingdon Market Square aims to give youngsters first-hand experience of setting up a commercial business and to develop their skills.

Supported by HSBC, 16 teams from 11 schools will offer a range of products including a contactless card security product, personalised recipe box sets and a social enterprise raising awareness of the dangers of teenage drug use.

Students have made all the decisions about their businesses and have worked with volunteer business mentors for the community who offer advice and guidance.

The schools taking part are: S Helen & S Katharine, Abingdon; Abingdon School; Our Lady's Abingdon; Larkmead, Abingdon; Wheatley Park School; St Clare's International, Oxford; Rye St Antony, Oxford; Wychwood School, Oxford; Oxford Academy; Oxford International College; Bloxham School and Tudor Hall, Banbury.

# H&M Orchard Centre opening date revealed

ONE of the largest stores at Didcot's Orchard Centre is set to open its doors on March 22.

Clothing retailer H&M is offering womens, mens and childrens clothing at the new store covering a floor space of 1,500sqm.

The shop will open for the first time at 11am and the first 200 in the queue will receive an exclusive goody bag.

All customers who join the queue before the opening time will receive a 25 per cent discount wrist band to use against all their purchases on the day.

Shoppers can then trawl the racks to the sounds of an instore DJ.

*"The first time I was on the continent after the referendum... I felt uncomfortable, bordering on shame, that my country was now seeking to unravel all that had been achieved"*

*Sir Patrick Stewart*

# Poundland killer made threats to a neighbour

## Inquest hears of danger before store stabbing

By Owen Hughes

AN Abingdon killer who stabbed a father of two to death in the town's Poundland store had previously threatened to murder his neighbour, an inquest heard.

Dr Phil Davison told Oxford Coroner's Court that Trevor Joyce, of Franklyn Close, was admitted and discharged from a mental health centre after confessing to threatening a neighbour's life.

The inquest heard that Joyce, who posted a death threat through his neighbour's door, told his psychiatrist that if they had been in when he knocked on their door, he would have killed them.

Joyce was arrested four times in one week just two months before the attack, before he was voluntarily admitted to Littlemore Mental Health Centre.

He was allowed to leave on October 28 2015 and just six weeks later Joyce grabbed a knife from the shelf in the Abindgon Poundland store in the shopping precinct and stabbed Justin Skrebowski, a 61-year-old art dealer from Sunnymead, Oxford.

**Justin Skrebowski was stabbed to death in December 2015, his killer Trevor Joyce was jailed for life the following year**

Mr Skrebowski was buying balloons for his wife Gulsen Alkan's 39th birthday when Joyce attacked him on December 7 2015 at around 11.20am.

Joyce was sentenced to life in prison in 2016 with a minimum of nine years for the manslaughter of Mr Skrebowski with diminished responsibility due to his mental functions being diminished or impaired.

More than 40 people are due to give evidence in the two-week long inquest which will examine the treatment given to Joyce, who has been diagnosed with schizophrenia.

Mrs Alkan strongly fought for the inquest and in the months following her husband's death launched an online campaign for tighter control over the sale of knives in shops.

More than 52,000 people signed the petition to Prime Minister Theresa May, leading to 11 retail giants agreeing to safer storage of knives in stores, including Poundland.

In March 2016, Waitrose, Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, Sainsbury's and Lidl also agreed to change the way they sell knives, alongside John Lewis, Wilko, Argos and Amazon UK.

Mrs Alkan said at the time: "I cannot say this makes me happy because I wish so very much that it had never happened and that Justin was with me and our twins now, but it is the only thing that has brought me peace."

Joyce had been sectioned under the Mental Health Act on three occasions since 1997.

# Ejector seat firm fined £1.1million for pilot's death

SOUTH Oxfordshire ejector seat manufacturer Martin-Baker has been fined £1.1million for a health and safety breach which resulted in the death of a Red Arrows pilot.

Iraq veteran Flt Lt Sean Cunningham, 35, was ejected while conducting pre-flight safety checks at RAF Scampton in Lincoln 2011.

The parachute on the ejector seat failed to deploy and the South African-born airman later died in hospital.

Martin-Baker, which carries out testing in Chalgrove, admitted failing to ensure the 35-year-old's safety at a hearing on January 22.

At Lincoln Crown Court on Friday, the firm was handed a £1.1m fine and had already agreed to pay £550,000 in prosecution costs.

Sentencing the company, Mrs Justice Carr said it was "an entirely preventable tragedy".

In a statement, the company said: "Our thoughts remain foremost with the family and friends of Ft Lt Sean Cunningham, to whom the company conveys its sadness, regret and apology."

The firm admitted the health and safety breach on the basis it had failed to provide a written warning to the RAF about over-tightening a bolt on the aircraft.

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# Team GB hopeful's plea for return of her prosthetic leg

## Swimmer has her specially-adapted car stolen

By George Welch

A Team GB para-swimming hopeful has been left devastated after her customised car containing a prosthetic leg was stolen.

Oxford swimmer Rosie Bancroft had her house broken into and car stolen from her shared accommodation in central Manchester on Sunday.

The dark blue convertible Fiat 500 has been specially adapted for the 23-year-old as she does not have a right leg and foot.

The accelerator has been switched to the left side to enable her to use it, making it difficult for the thief to drive far.

It also contained the prosthetic leg Rosie uses for sports, making it a struggle for her to continue training.

The University of Manchester zoology student, also a coach for the swimming club team, made a plea for information on social media.

"My car had my prosthetic leg in. I have got a prosthetic leg I was wearing at the time. The one in the car was for sport. It has taken months to get that fitted and to wear it in," she told the Manchester Evening News.

Rosie Bancroft and above, her Fiat 500 which was stolen in Manchester and contained her sports leg

"It is the first time I have had one to use in the gym. I use it for training.

"It is such a special thing for me. Nobody is going to have a use for that apart from me."

Rosie, who used to live in Horspath, added: "I don't have a right foot, the left accelerator has been switched to the left side. They would have been driving with the pedals the wrong way.

"I used to joke nobody would steal my car as how could they drive away in it."

Rosie has been training with Team GB coaches for the past three years and is hoping to compete for a medal at the games in Tokyo 2020.

She is appealing for anyone who may have seen her car with the Oxford licence plate of OY65 XRZ to get in touch with police.

Greater Manchester Police are investigating.

Firefighters battled the blaze at the thatched house on Goring

## Thatched roof severely damaged

THE roof of a "beautiful" thatched house in Goring was "severely damaged" by an enormous fire.

Firefighters from Oxfordshire and neighbouring Berkshire were called to the blaze in High Street at around 9.45pm on Friday.

Crews reported being able to see the glow of the fire from as a far away as Didcot and, on arrival, were confronted with a "very large and rapidly developing fire".

Firefighters had to fetch water from the Thames to help tackle the intense fire.

The fire is not being treated as suspicious and an investigation into the cause of the blaze is ongoing. Nobody was hurt.

Group manager Jason Crapper said: "Given the time at which this fire occurred, it is fortunate that the fire was spotted by passers-by otherwise the losses could have been even greater.

"I'm hopeful that the rapid intervention by the initial attending firefighters from both Oxfordshire and Royal Berkshire will enable the building to be repaired."

Goring county councillor Kevin Bulmer described the home, known as the Boathouse, as "beautiful".

He added: "Firefighters deserve praise for fighting and containing the fire in a location that, apart from plentiful water, would have been a difficult one to fight a fire from."

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# More people need to use food banks

## MEP's report reveals 20% rise

By George Welch

FOODBANK usage in Oxfordshire has risen by almost 20 per cent over the last four years, according to a new report.

The research, published on Friday, details the extent to which people have to rely on emergency food parcels.

According to Keith Taylor MEP, foodbank dependency has risen by more than 18 per cent since he published his first report in 2013.

He puts the increase down to low pay and welfare cuts 'pushing more people into food poverty'.

"My report reveals a shameful side of the British economy that is deliberately hidden from view by the government," Mr Taylor said.

"As wages continue to stagnate, as Brexit continues to push up the cost of living and as the government forces ahead with its welfare cuts and the disastrous rollout of Universal Credit, there is little hope this situation will improve under the current administration."

He added: "Across the UK, foodbank use has soared by at least 65 per cent with even nurses being forced to rely on emergency food parcels as the reality of Britain's record in-work poverty levels hit home."

**Use of food banks has risen in Oxfordshire in recent years according to Keith Taylor MEP**

The government does not collect data on how many people use food banks.

A foodbank was set up last year at a primary school in Prime Minister Theresa May's constituency of Maidenhead.

# Restoring a piece of history

A HUGE crane has sprung up at Wallingford railway station as rebuilding work on the historic structure got under way in January.

A Brunel-era canopy is being installed following a sizeable £235,000 restoration grant from the Railway Heritage Trust.

The canopy was in place for more than 130 years at Maidenhead railway station but was removed as part of improvement works in October 2014.

The rehoming project has taken more than two years to establish the amount of work required to rebuild the historic structure in Wallingford.

Cholsey and Wallingford Railway vice-chairman Tony Stead said: "There has already been a huge amount of planning to get to where we can start restoring this historic structure.

"We have already achieved a lot since the crane arrived on site and are continuing to make progress each week."

Work is expected to be completed in early 2019.

The railway's next running days are over the Easter Weekend, with heritage trains running on March 31 and April 1 and 2.

The Cholsey and Wallingford Railway is organising the Mayor's Railway Show which is taking place in Wallingford Town Hall on April 28.

Anyone wanting to help on the canopy, or any other projects, is invited to contact the society on its Facebook page, website or to call in to the station on any Saturday.

**The crane and canopy laid out ready for work to begin**
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## Connor Sparrowhawk death: medical tribunal rules on doctor's fitness to practice

# Doctor's apology for 'personal failings'

By George Welch

A DOCTOR responsible for the death of Connor Sparrowhawk has finally apologised to his mother – five years after the 18-year-old died in a bath while supposedly under close supervision.

The Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (MPTS) last week decided that Dr Valerie Murphy's fitness to practice was impaired.

She was responsible for 39 failings before Connor's death and has been suspended for a year.

Connor had epilepsy and drowned in a bath after suffering a seizure at the now-closed Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust's Slade House in Headington.

Dr Murphy failed to consider the implications of allowing him to have a bath on his own with staff checking every 15 minutes, as well as failing to make any risk assessments.

Up to this point there had been an absence of remorse but, at the tribunal, Dr Murphy accepted all the failings she had made and apologised to Sara Ryan, Connor's mum.

She said: "Words cannot express the remorse I feel at how my failings have contributed to the death of [Connor]. I am sorry that I did not seek to meet with [Connor's] mother and her family and that this has left them feeling like I did not care.

Connor Sparrowhawk drowned in a bath in 2013 Picture: *Justice4LB*

"Nothing is further from the truth. I have made apologies but I do agree that reading these now, they appear general and do not address an apology for my personal failing.

"I would like to set out in no uncertain terms, that I do apologise for my own personal failing and the role these had on the death of [Connor]."

She added: "I really did 'take my eye off the ball' in this case."

The MPTS said Dr Murphy's suspension would give the doctor time to reflect on her misconduct, and her case would be reviewed before it ends in a year.

Connor's death on July 4, 2013 led to the discovery that Southern Health had not properly investigated 272 unexplained deaths in its care.

In September, the trust pleaded guilty to breaching health and safety law in Connor's case. It will be sentenced at Oxford Crown Court on March 19 and 20.

## Mum hits out at 11th hour remorse

IT is five years this July since Connor Sparrowhawk was left to drown by people who should have been caring for him.

His mum, Sara Ryan, *pictured*, published a harrowing book last year as part of her half-decade fight for justice in his name.

Part of that struggle has been fighting for accountability for what happened to her son.

In a post-tribunal statement, Ms Ryan said: "Our beautiful son died a terrible death nearly five years ago now.

"Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust chose not to refer Valerie Murphy, Connor's responsible clinician, to the General Medical Council (GMC) for investigation.

"Instead they referred six nurses to the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). We had to refer her ourselves.

"Over the past four years, Valerie Murphy has repeatedly failed to show any remorse and has failed to apologise to us.

"She has allowed her legal counsel on two occasions to subject me to cruel cross-examination insinuating I was somehow responsible for his death. At the sanction hearing she apologised to the tribunal for Connor's death.

"This experience has been unimaginably brutal and not unusual. Families whose loved ones die in state care are commonly re-traumatised by these processes."

She added on Twitter that the "truly extraordinary" apology was "remorse at the 11th hour".

Although Dr Murphy is banned from practicing in the UK for 12 months, it does not prevent her from working in Cork where she is registered with the Irish Medical Council.

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More than three million foodies have attended the popular South Parks festival since it launched in 2005

# Perfect recipe for food fest

FOODIES will be dancing in the moonlight to raise funds for a homelessness charity when the gastronomic Glastonbury returns to Oxford this summer.

British band Toploader, known for their Platinum hit cover of King Harvest's Dancing in the Moonlight, will headline the Foodies Festival at South Parks on August bank holiday weekend.

Power pop group Dodgy and rockers The Hoosiers will be the cherry on top when they also take to the brand new Musicians Against Homelessness music stage.

Alan McGee, patron of Musicians Against Homelessness, said: "Foodies Festival is the UK's largest food and drink festival and with such fantastic summer events it seemed a natural link to partner with a festival that reaches the hearts of so many local communities.

"In turn, we're confident that they can help us raise awareness and funds for our homelessness charity Crisis by bringing popular headliner bands to their stages alongside some of the country's best unsigned musical talent."

An all-star line up will be cooking up a storm in the Chef's Theatre, including Great British Bake Off winner 2017 Sophie Faldo, Giancarlo Caldesi, Pete Gray of The Hinds Head in Bray as well as Great British Bake Off finalist 2017 Steven Carter Bailey.

Tickets are available from www.foodiesfestival.com.

## Didcot Power Station 2nd anniversary: victims

# Unprecented investigation

By George Welch

THE two authorities behind the 'almost unprecedented' multi-million pound investigation into the disaster at Didcot Power Station will interview more people under caution over the coming months.

Giving an update on the case, Thames Valley Police and the Health and Safety Executive also paid tribute to the men who died and their families.

A minute's silence was held on Friday to mark the two years since Didcot was rocked by the partial collapse of Didcot 'A' power station.

Families, politicians and the people of the town fell silent at 11am in respect to the four workers who died in the tragic building collapse on February 23, 2016.

The community has vowed never to forget and the Didcot Town Council flag was flown at half-mast.

A frustratingly long investigation into what happened, why and who was responsible continues with February 23 marking 732 days since the fateful events.

The body of 53-year-old Mick Collings, from North Yorkshire, was found on the same day as the collapse.

But the bodies of Ken Cresswell, 57, and John Shaw, 61, both from Rotherham, and Christopher Huxtable, 34, from Swansea, remained in the rubble. It took 201 days to find and recover the bodies of all three men.

TVP and the HSE admitted they did not expect the investigation to go on this long. Nearly 2,000 witness statements have been taken and many more are to be conducted, the Force confirmed.

Police Assistant Chief Constable Jason Hogg said on Friday: "Our thoughts today are with the family and friends of the men, as well as with those who were injured as a result of the collapse.

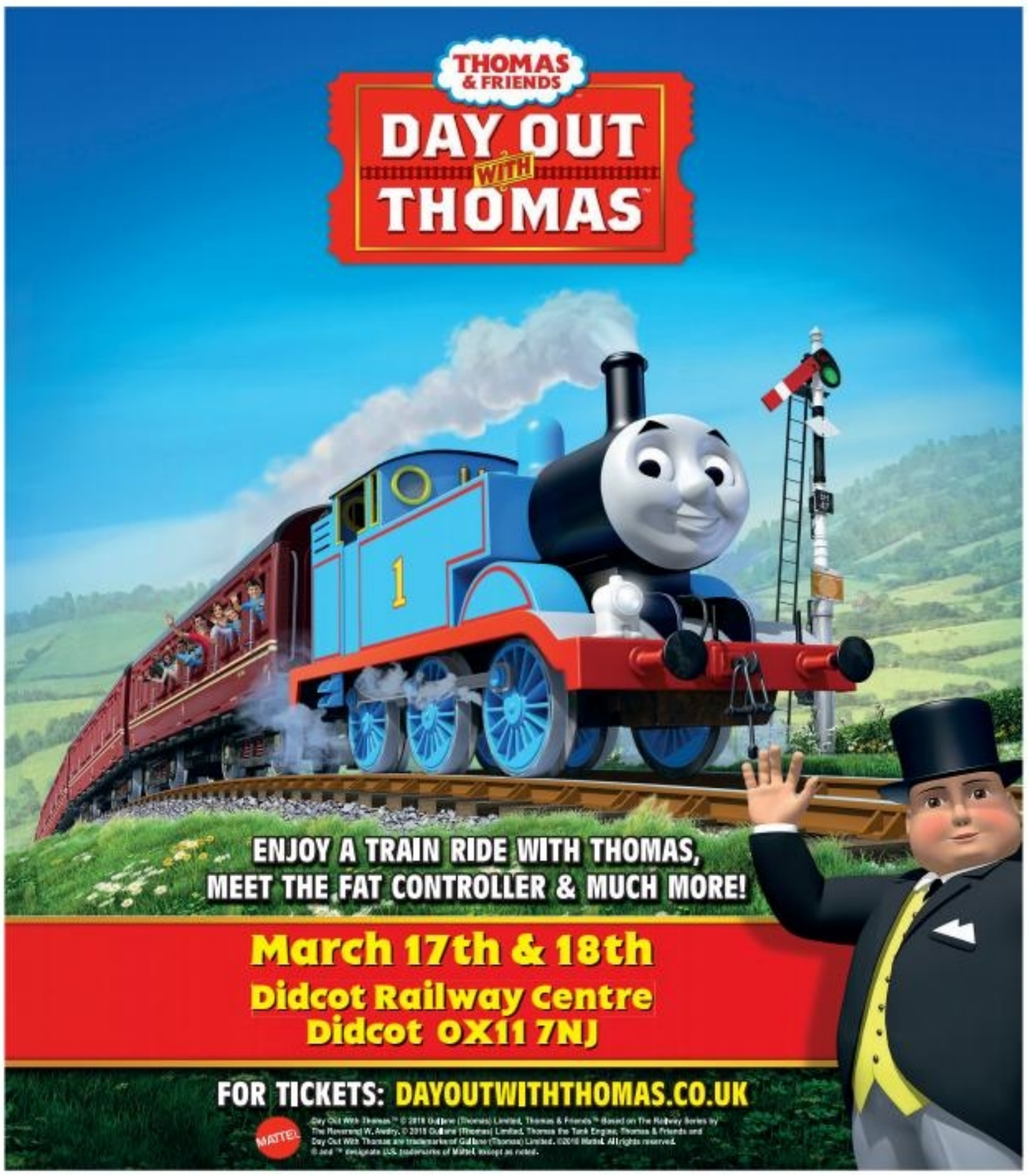
"We continue to offer support to the affected families, and provide them with regular updates on the ongoing investigation.

"They are at the centre of everything we do while we investigate the circumstances of the collapse."

He added: "This is a highly complex and almost unprecedented investigation in terms of scale and the volume of evidence that has been collected so far.

"I am aware of the need for answers as soon as possible, however we have a duty to thoroughly investigate the circumstances surrounding the collapse and we will not compromise on this."

The site is still a crime scene and a police scene guard remains in place 24/7.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## remembered as inquiry continues with 2,000 statements made

# to get to the truth

**Above, image shows the four boilers on March 17, 2016 after the collapse and below, an aerial shot shows the scene as of January 25, 2018**

PETER Blake, the chief inspector of construction at the HSE, has described the investigation into the power station collapse as 'unique and highly complex'.

On-site recovery continues and evidence has been gathered from boilers one and two. Evidence is still being collected from boilers three and four.

More than 1,900 statements have been taken from witnesses so far and a number of people have been interviewed under caution, with each interview taking hours at a time.

The four boilers weighed around 15,000 tonnes each, and so far evidence has been amassed from around 50,000 tonnes of that material. TVP said they are analysing more than 3,900 exhibits.

Mr Baker said the authorities are working "tirelessly" to 'find answers and get the truth for the families'.

He added: "This investigation will also find out if any criminal offences have been committed. The incident in Didcot was unique and the investigation is highly complex, both in scale and nature and therefore will take time to conclude."

A spokesperson from RWE Npower, which owns the site, also said the process "remains complex".

In a statement, the energy company added: "This dreadful day took the lives of four men... they remain in our thoughts and we remember them and their families, especially at this time.

"We are committed to completing the evidence recovery works and the clearance works as soon as possible [so] the police and HSE can progress their investigation and the full site can be returned to RWE control."

# Family flees toaster fire

AN Oxford household had to evacuate after Sunday breakfast took a fiery turn.

Residents of a Nowell Road home in Rose Hill fled after their toaster caught fire and threatened to take hold of the kitchen.

The incident happened shortly before 10am on February 18.

Two fire engines arrived on the scene with a fire spreading from the back of the property.

The flames were extinguished using high-pressure hose reels, and damage was contained to the kitchen.

Incident commander, crew manager Michael Milling, of Slade Fire Station, said: 'The occupiers of the property were alerted by the smell of smoke and the actuation of the smoke detectors. They managed to close the kitchen door to minimise fire spread and smoke damage to the rest of the property and made their way safely out of the property before calling the fire service.

"I would also like to remind the public to ensure that you have working smoke alarms that are tested weekly and not to leave cooking unattended."

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*Charity of the year 2018 – Helen & Douglas House*

# Great Wall of China trek to help 'second family'

By George Welch

WALKING the spectacular Great Wall of China is a bucket list classic – but one ardent fundraiser will walk a 50km stretch for very different reasons.

Nayaab Iqbal, from Headington, has signed-up for Helen & Douglas House's Great Wall of China Trek in memory of her brother Haider, who died in 2012 aged just 12.

The 21-year-old wants to give something back to our charity of the year which cared for Haider from just eight months old.

He was born five weeks prematurely with a rare, life-threatening condition called Raine Syndrome, which causes bone deformity.

Haider died at Helen & Douglas House and the charity still helps the family, including Nayaab's parents and younger brother, with counselling, support groups and activity days six years after his death.

"I really want to take some time now to give back to Helen & Douglas House and everything they have done for us," Nayaab said.

"I thought what better way than to jump straight in the deep end with trekking the Great Wall of China. I can picture Haider laughing at the thought of this already but I know he loved Helen & Douglas House and he would be so happy about this."

She added: "Haider truly lived his life to the full, enjoying every moment and taking us on his incredible journey with him, with laughter, love and joy.

"On Haider's last day, Helen & Douglas House were so accommodating to our beliefs and made what was the hardest time for us, somewhat better.

"They became like a second family and I can honestly say I don't know what we would have done if it wasn't for the support and care of the incredible staff at Helen & Douglas House."

The charity is appealing for others to take on the daunting challenge, taking place from October 27 to November 4.

Stretching over 5,500 miles, the Great Wall of China is the longest human-made structure on the planet. Located in north China it crosses vast deserts, barren plains and snow-capped mountains.

Visit tinyurl.com/y8b8yv9j or call 01865 799166 for more information and to register your interest. Donate to Nayaab at tinyurl.com/ya22w2v8

**Gemma Deacon of Bloor Homes delivers cupcakes to nursing staff at Helen & Douglas House on Random Acts of Kindness Day**

## Housing developer builds relationship

POORLY youngsters and nursing staff at Helen & Douglas House got their teeth into some tasty treats on a day that celebrated special things people do for others.

Housing developer Bloor Homes donated the yummy cupcakes as part of last month's Random Acts of Kindness Day.

Vanessa Macnee, sales director for Bloor Homes, said it was important for the company to support important causes within the surrounding communities of their developments.

She said: "When we began work on our nearby developments in Drayton, Thame and Chinnor we quickly became aware of Helen & Douglas House and the fantastic support which its staff provide for patients and their families in the local area.

"On Random Acts of Kindness Day we therefore wanted to make a small gesture to recognise the efforts of all the staff at Helen & Douglas House – we hope that the cupcakes came as a nice surprise and that they were enjoyed by all."

The east Oxford hospice cares for around 250 patients from across Oxfordshire and the south east.

## InBrief

### Rate healthcare

HEALTHWATCH Oxfordshire has launched a TripAdvisor-style website to help people rate and share experiences about health services.

Healthwatch launched the website because it believes health and social care can be improved if the public can easily express their views. Have your say at the feedback centre on the site.

Visit tinyurl.com/y8llh8cw.

### Car thieves sought

POLICE are on the hunt for thieves who stole a car from an Oxford road.

A Volkswagen Golf was taken from Upper Fish Row between 11.30pm on Monday last week and 8.30pm on Wednesday last week.

It is not known how many people were involved in the theft or how the keys to the vehicle were attained.

Police have provided a partial registration, which is GD17F**.

Call 101 if you have any information.

### Name town heroes

RESIDENTS are being urged to nominate their local hero for the annual Thame Town Awards.

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News

The disabled spaces at Oxford Parkway. Picture: @IsabelOakeshott

# Picture sparks controversy

A PICTURE taken by journalist Isabel Oakeshott criticising the number of disabled parking spaces at Oxford Parkway train station sparked controversy on social media.

The former political editor of the Sunday Times posted the image on Twitter last week.

The image of empty blue badge bays at the station was accompanied with the post "a triumph of political correctness over common sense".

In response to those who highlighted the number of spaces for all drivers, Ms Oakeshott said the spaces were disproportionate, "unless the Paralympics are coming to Oxford".

She added: "The entire car park is full except this area…it was so packed that all the motorbike spaces were full of cars."

The post had more than 1,200 replies and retweets as well as 2,200 likes.

In reply, Twitter user Tristan said: "There are around 700-800 non disabled spaces there and 40 disabled. Don't see what the problem is."

Another user, Richard Bentall, said: "Do you think it's wrong to have disabled parking places? Or is your complaint that, in this one particular place, someone miscalculated the number required?"

In response to that, Ms Oakeshott said: "I think you know the answer to that question. Unless the Paralympics are coming to Oxford, pretty obvious this is disproportionate."

According to National Rail, Oxford Parkway has 800 spaces, 40 of which are for disabled motorists.

# Spreading the word to encourage library use

By George Welch

OXFORDSHIRE'S libraries are "thriving – not just surviving", according to Libraries Minister Michael Ellis.

The Northampton North MP was one of more than 100 guests to attend last week's official opening of Oxfordshire County Library.

He toured the facility and spoke to staff and volunteers about the library's transformation and wider network of 43 county branches.

Mr Ellis said: "This is a wonderful example of a library that is an integral part of the community here and I want to congratulate the county council, and all the staff, partners and volunteers for all the work they have done to rejuvenate this library.

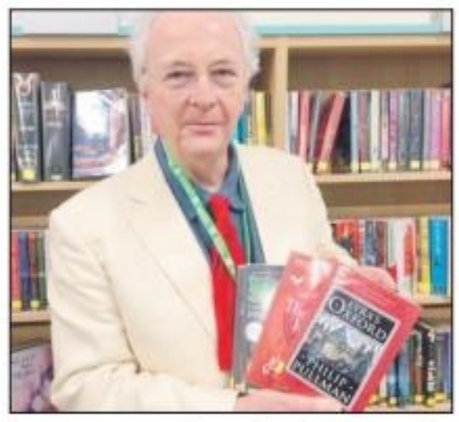
"We want to see libraries thrive – not just survive –and this is an example of a library that is clearly thriving.

"This is a classic example of how to do it and protect our libraries, and they are still greatly valued by many people."

His Dark Materials author Phillip Pullman was also left 'very impressed' by the revamped library, which has picked up more than 2,000 members since it re-opened its doors.

Mr Pullman called last year for a halt to the "shocking decline" in England's school libraries. It is believed a quarter of schools have no librarian.

Oxfordshire county councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, responsible for property, cultural and community services, emphasised the role the library would play in terms of access to council services.



Libraries Minister Michael Ellis MP and county councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale and, above, Phillip Pullman

She said: "This library is the hub that coordinates the services in a network of 43 libraries across the county.

"We want our libraries to be seen and used as dynamic focal points for the people they serve, bringing people together and helping to cement a true sense of place."

She added: "I am proud of the fact that Oxfordshire has kept all its libraries open and this could not have been done without working in partnership with communities. The hard work and commitment of community groups has been instrumental and I need to thank them all."

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# Broadband boss reaps rewards

BUSINESSMAN Matthew Hare has been recognised for helping spread fast speed broadband across rural, hard to reach communities.

The Appleton man became the first British industry professional to receive the prominent Individual Award from the Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Council Europe awards in Valencia last month.

Mr Hare is the chief executive of Gigaclear, which he established in 2010.

Based in Windrush Court, Abingdon, it is now the UK's leading supplier of full fibre broadband to rural locations across the country. It connected its 15,000th customer earlier this year.

President of the FTTH Council Europe, Ronan Kelly, said Mr Hare impressed with his 'personal vision and relentless ambition' over the years to cover rural Britain with faster internet speeds.

Living in rural Oxfordshire, Mr Hare is no stranger to internet connectivity and reliability problems.

He said it was an "honour" to be recognised, adding that the accolade "is testament to the work we have been doing to tackle rural isolation".

Gigaclear chief executive Matthew Hare and Ronan Kelly, president of the FTTH Council Europe, on stage at the annual FTTH conference

## InBrief

### Poppy appeal cash

THAME residents, businesses and street collectors raised an impressive £22,362 at last year's Poppy Appeal.

The fundraiser was four months ago but the town council has only just confirmed the total amount. Organisers thanked donators for their generosity and support.

Contact 0808 802 8080 if you want to join the street collecting team for this year's appeal.

### Premier primaries

OXFORD primary schools could soon be kitted out in Premier League quality gear as a national scheme opens for applications.

The Primary Stars Kit and Equipment initiative allows primary schools to apply for free equipment to encourage active classroom and PE lessons.

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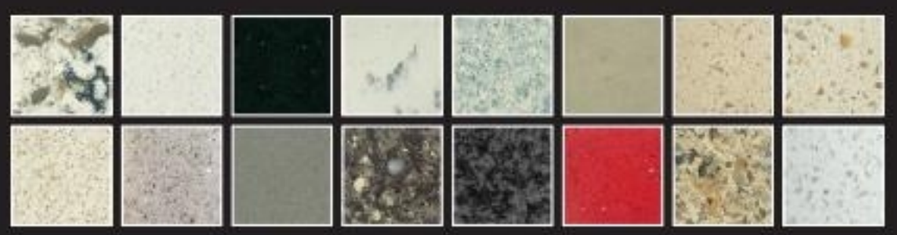

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Out&About Competition

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You have the chance to experience this first hand when the show comes to the Anvil on Wednesday March 28.

The spirit of the Man in Black is alive and 'kicking like a mule' with an outstanding celebration of the iconic legend by the Carter/Cash endorsed Johnny Cash Roadshow.

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The stage lights up with a colourful explosion of energy, against a striking backdrop of classic screen imagery of the 'real deal'. Clive John, captures the essence of Cash with exceptional style and confidence. His deep, distinctive vocals are spot on, evoking pure country magic with Walk the Line, Folsom Prison Blues and A Thing Called Love.

Charismatic duets are superb. Renditions of Don't You Think It's Come Our Time and Jackson, encapsulate the tender charm and uplifting humour shared by the late enigmatic pair. The music doesn't miss a beat as the set glides seamlessly along, evoking a timeless quality of a golden era with fresh contemporary flair.

Martin Bentley (bass) is in a league of his own and Nick Davis (guitars) and Darren Bazzoni (drums) first class. Backing vocals by Louise Masters and Amanda Stone add sparkle and glamour as the Carter sisters, complimenting the line up with equally impressive versatility.

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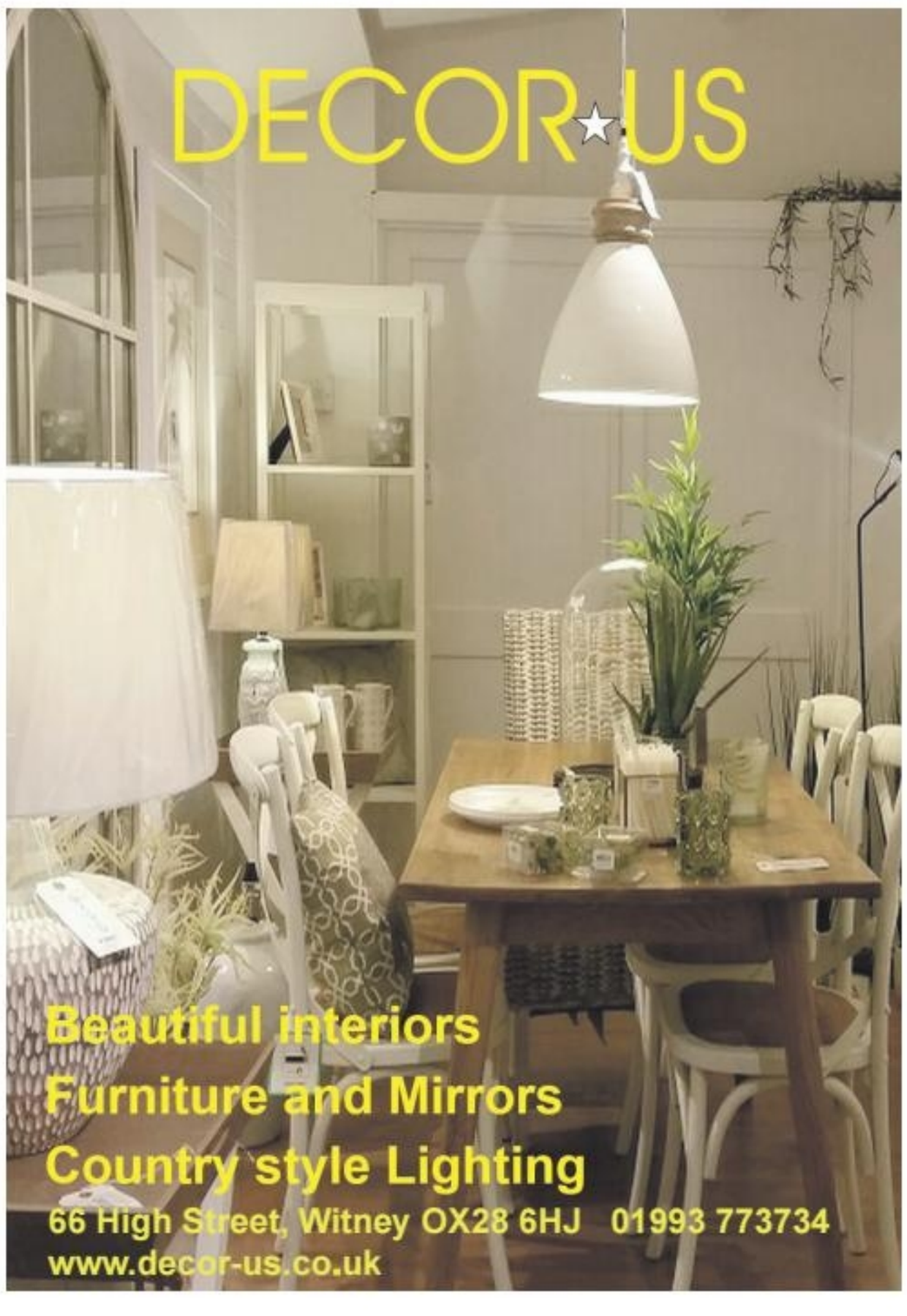

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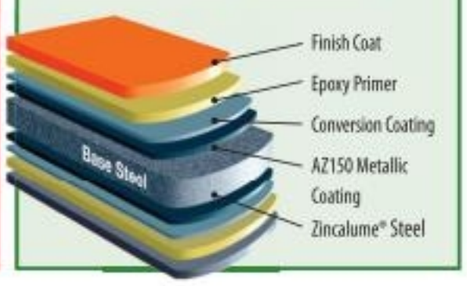


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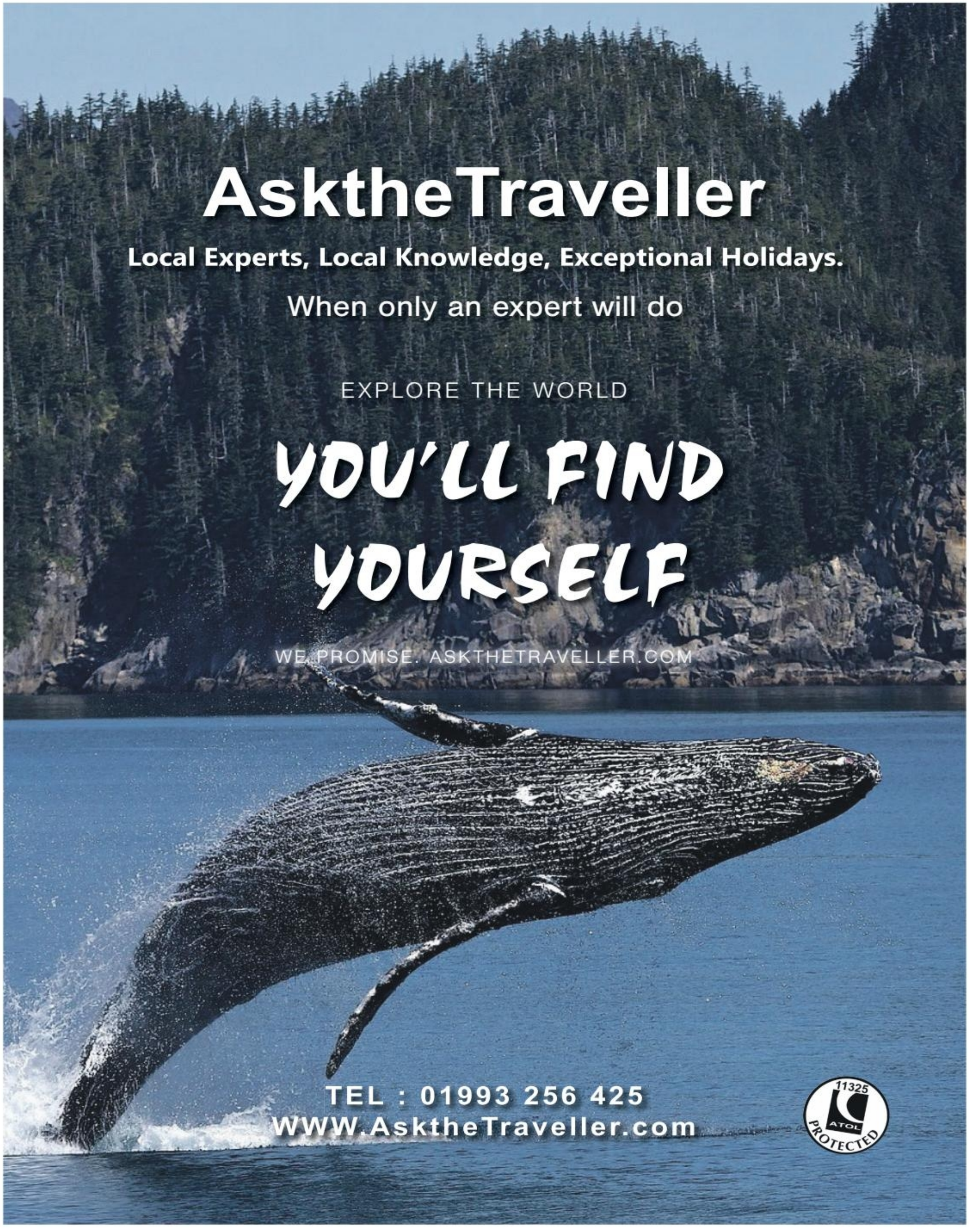
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Out & About

# Go mad at Common People and blame it on the boogie

By Samantha McGregor

THE line-up for this year's Common People festival has been announced with the legendry Jacksons headlining Saturday.

Saturday is Disco Day and as well as the 'world's largest disco ball' acts taking to the stage alongside The Jacksons include Prince's band The New Power Generation, Sparks and Boney M.

Sunday will feature James and Ride co-headlining, with Maximo Park, the London African Gospel Choir presents Paul Simon's Graceland and Craig Charles.

During the weekend there will a Kids Garden with a host of activities for children and young people including a huge bouncy castle, Gorilla Circus, BigTopMania circus skills and Cowley Road Carnival Dance workshops.

Brought by the organisers of Bestival, Common People takes place on May 26 and 27 in Oxford's South Park.

Rob da Bank said: "It's been quite some ride putting together the Common People line ups for 2018.

"We love South Park in Oxford a lot and it's become one of our favourite places to throw a party.

"Our Disco Day on Saturday also promises to be super funky with The Jacksons bringing their disco and soul classics, but my personal highlight has to be Prince's unbeatable backing band The New Power Generation coming over from the States for a one-off weekend with us.

"We couldn't get Prince but we will have all the hits.

"Add in all the local Oxford bands and DJs and a real focus on family fun and entertainment and I promise you a magical May weekend awaits."

Councillor Dee Sinclair, board member for culture and communities, said "We are looking forward to welcoming Common People back to Oxford for a third year.

"Each year it is an extremely popular event and has quickly become embedded in the Oxford summer experience.

"The festival brings people together for a weekend of fun, and hopefully sun."

Common People also features the Carnival Stage with performances from General Levy and Fred V & Grafix and the Uncommon Stage hosted by Nightshift.

Weekend tickets cost £57.50. For more information go to common-people.net

# Choir is a real class act

ENJOY a live cinema experience when the Sister Act Choir tour rolls into Oxford this spring.

The classic 1992 musical comedy starring Whoopi Goldberg, is the latest film to receive the 'live cinema' treatment.

Sister Act Live Choir boasts a full-piece choir and band, as they accompany the onscreen nuns with live performances of songs from the film's original soundtrack.

This event also marks the 25th anniversary of the successful film and takes to the stage at Oxford's New Theatre on Friday, April 6.

Show founder Dele Aro said: "We are delighted to be touring this powerful and uplifting live cinema experience.

"We were delighted to see the shows connect such a large diverse group of people, to share in a unique experience and create new memories around a much-loved film."

Sister Act Live Choir features the Uplifted Voices choir, who have featured on BBC Gospel Proms, and provided backing choirs for the live shows on ITV's The Voice, Britain's Got Talent, and The X Factor shows.

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# Folk with Americana feel

By Josh Cox

MULTI award-winning Scottish singer Emily Smith and New Zealand born songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Jamie McClennan have been making music together for 15 years.

Having spent much of 2016 off the road with Emily on maternity leave, the couple took time to focus on writing new material.

Fresh from the break, and with a plentiful offering of new music, the pair have announced a new UK-wide tour, and will be performing at The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury this April.

The tour will showcase a new sound for the duo drawing on influences from the folk tradition, Americana and beyond.

Meeting in 2002 when McClennan moved from New Zealand to Scotland, fiddle player Jamie soon became an integral part of Emily's sound, taking on the role of lead guitar and backing vocals and producing several of her albums. To date, they have performed throughout Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Russia and North America.

Alongside their solo careers they have performed with many musical greats including Richard Thompson, Barbara Dickson, Jerry Douglas and Mary Chapin Carpenter, as well as a host of TV and Radio appearances including Transatlantic Sessions, BBC Songs of Praise, BBC Radio 2's Good Morning Sunday, Bob Harris Show & The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe.

Emily's original song Find Hope was also chosen as part of Radio 2's official playlist in December 2016.

With rich vocal harmonies, an accordion, a fiddle and a sublime guitar backing they are one of the most vibrant duos on the folk scene today. Together they have racked up fantastic reviews and praise from some of the biggest industry media including Americana UK, R2 and Maverick.

Emily and Jamie will be performing on Friday April 20 at 8pm. Tickets cost £16.

More information at www.themillartscentre.co.uk/

## On stage

### Country roads

Country star Trey Jackson will play at the Abilene Country Music Club in Barton, Oxford on March 17.

Jackson has quickly risen up the ranks in the music industry having released three albums and more than 25 songs in the past three years alone.

Entry is £6 on the door with the gig starting at 8pm.

### One stop shop

Rockin' Shop, a local rock and blues band will be gigging at the Woodstock Social Club in Woodstock on Saturday.

The band features five music veterans who play a good blend of covers and originals with the collective aim of 'putting on a good show'.

The free gig starts at 9pm.

### All the way from TX

The Cellar in Oxford will be hosting US band Sphynx on Thursday next week at 8pm.

The Texas natives have been compared to pop icons such as Prince and David Bowie and the trio's vibrant live shows have carved out their own niche genre of music.

Tickets are £8 in advance; the on-the-door price is to be confirmed.

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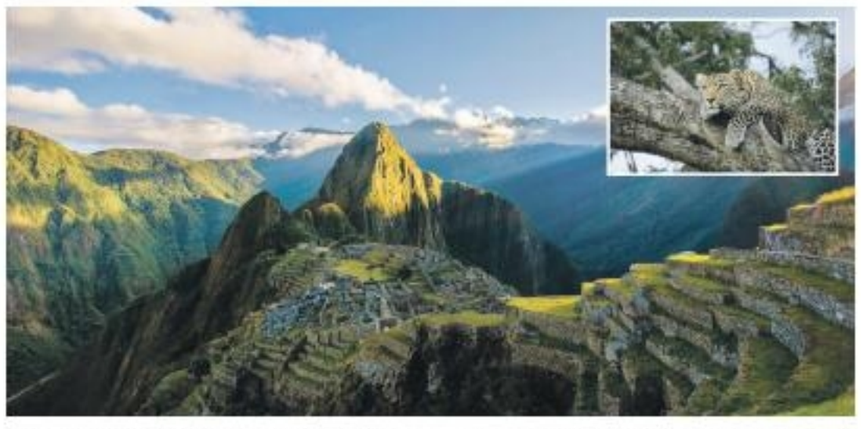

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Out & About

# The fate of the world rests in man's hands

By Josh Cox

NED is an engineer, excited about his top secret programme with the British Government.

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Starting to question what he is doing, Ned tries to control how his new weapon will be used – but he hasn't taken into account how far the Government will go to get what it wants out of him.

Landscape with Weapon is a modern day morality tale about WMDs (weapons of mass destruction) mixed in with family feuds and food fights. The play is hilarious yet moving with themes of love, family and politics alongside plenty of moral defining decisions.

It was written by the Olivier Award winning playwright Joe Penhall, writer of Blue/Orange and creator of the hit Netflix show Mindhunters.

Ronin Theatre Productions are the company behind the play running at the Andrew Wiles Building in Oxford from March 13 to 17.

Ronin Theatre is an innovative new company dedicated to performing modern and contemporary theatre. The only company in Oxfordshire committed to performing only modern plays, the company was founded by Ashley Hunt and Alistair Nunn who have between them been involved in Oxford's community theatre scene for more than a decade.

"Landscape with Weapon is a brilliantly entertaining and thought-provoking piece of theatre," said co-founder Nunn.

He added: "With its sharp dialogue and telling exploration of the world of the weapons industry, it's reminiscent of The Thick of It meets The Night Manager. If The Night Manager was set in Surbiton."

Tickets to see the show, and this landmark event for Ronin Theatre, range from £12 to £15. To book your place visit ticketsoxford.com or call the box office on 01865 305305.

**Mallory Knox are Sam Douglas – vocals / bass; Joe Savins – guitar; Dave Rawling – drums and James Gillett – guitar**

# No Black Holes for Mallory Knox

After nearly nine years together, Mallory Knox recently announced frontman Mikey Chapman has decided to part ways with the band.

However, 2018 marked a new chapter and the group will be continuing Mallory Knox with Sam Douglas taking the lead on vocals.

Together, the band have been working hard behind the scenes writing and recording new music, including their new, critically acclaimed single Black Holes.

As part of the change-up, Mallory Knox will be once again taking to the road and touring the UK, which includes a night at the O2 Academy in Oxford.

Following on from the successes of 2017, which saw the band play the main stage at Reading & Leeds for the second time, as well as a whole plethora of festivals across the UK & Europe, Mallory Knox will be focussing on playing more of the 'intimate' and smaller gigs this year.

Still on a high from their third album Wired, you can expect to hear a run down of their previous hits as well as new material.

They will be playing at The O2 in Oxford on May 6 at 7pm. Tickets are £20.25 and can be purchased from academymusicgroup.com

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## Your weekly puzzle challenge

### CROSS CODE

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

### MAGIC SQUARE

**CANVASSED THE HUNT**

Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.

# Quiz Challenge

1. Which female writer created the fictional character Jemima Shore?
2. Which is the longest word in the NATO phonetic alphabet?
3. The whole of the southern coastline of the Caspian Sea laps the shore of which country?
4. Which actress, born in 1944, played a teacher in the film and stage version of Alan Bennett's The History Boys?
5. What word familiar to electricians can also refer to a burden or responsibility, and may be used as an order to attack?
6. What is the nationality of the former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan?
7. What is the only number that when written in English contains all of its letters in alphabetical order?
8. A restaurant named Noma, ranked the best in the world four times by Restaurant magazine, is in which capital city?
9. Tom Holland's breakthrough role was Spider-Man in which 2016 film?
10. Brad Pitt played a character named Tyler Durden in which 1999 film?

### NONAGRAM

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| L | A | Y |
| R | D | G |
| G | I | N |

How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

**Guidelines:**
29 Good; 35 Very Good; 41 Excellent.

Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

### WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.

### FIVE ALIVE

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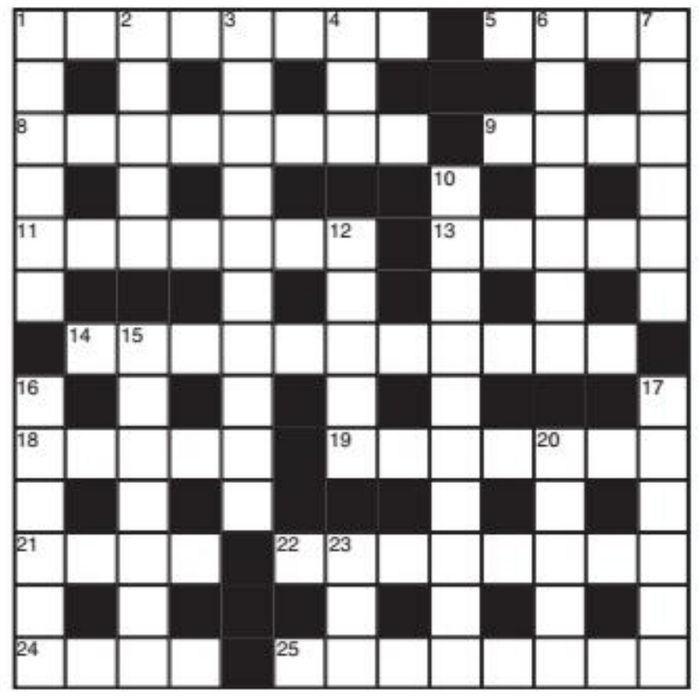
| CE | AH | GU | EC | KR |
| AU | ■ | NA | ■ | IN |
| RS | TA | UT | IM | OP |
| ED | ■ | IN | ■ | TE |
| SL | AE | ET | KI | NS |

Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

1. Not a ruddy American pioneer! (8)
5. Just passable (4)
8. Lass gave freely at the gambling venue (3,5)
9. Pins back a small piece (4)
11. Calm achieved despite awful fluster (7)
13. Girl well worth having on the way back (5)
14. I'm realistic that it cannot be done (11)
18. Article found in state waterway (5)
19. Characteristic representative (7)
21. Stern breed (4)
22. One who is a skilled shot, an old German perhaps (8)
24. Sole companion is a cad (4)
25. Brilliant solicitor to set forth (5,3)

**DOWN**

1. Miserable attempt to follow a friend (6)
2. Coming in close second does not win (5)
3. Does no one pay to see this fight? (4-3-3)
4. Tea, not in China (3)
6. Failure to remember a name is unfortunate (7)
7. Make invalid ring again (6)
10. Game you can barely play if you keep losing (5-5)
12. It's held by solicitors to be permissible (5)
15. Authority for chap given an assignation (7)
16. Burn small capital or church (6)
17. Pat and Len going round the earth perhaps (6)
20. Engraving on a gem arrived with love (5)
23. Scenes MPs make (3)

### SUDOKU

**Easy** Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box. **Hard**

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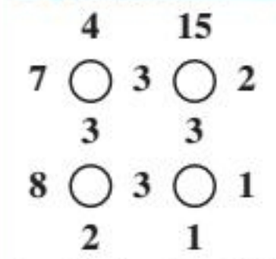
### EQUALISER




Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same.

Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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### QUICK CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

1. Gear, kit (9)
9. Leafy glade (6)
10. Avoid (4)
11. Equivalent (4)
12. Young bird of prey (6)
13. Cathedral city (7)
16. Warmth (4)
17. Perform again (4)
18. Conifer (3)
20. Shy, bashful (3)
21. Scowl (4)
23. Mexican dollar (4)
25. Distended (7)
26. Ill-will (6)
29. Bristol's river (4)
30. Assess (4)
31. Quality of sound (6)
32. Imaginary place (9)

**DOWN**

2. Savoury tart (6)
3. Maintain firmly (6)
4. Stream (anag.) (6)
5. Title (4)
6. Betrayal of the state (7)
7. Seethe (4)
8. Standard of judging (9)
13. Winning move in chess (9)
14. Simple (4)
15. Romulus's twin (5)
18. Combustible material (4)
19. Poster (7)
22. African country (6)
23. Not singular (6)
24. Church officer (6)
27. Shapeless mass (4)
28. Always (4)

### SOLUTIONS

**QUIZ CHALLENGE:** 1 Antonia Fraser; 2 November; 3 Iran; 4 Frances de la Tour; 5 Charge; 6 Ghanaian; 7 Forty; 8 Copenhagen; 9 Captain America: Civil War; 10 Fight Club.

**CROSS CODE**

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**EASY SUDOKU**

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**HARD SUDOKU**

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| 1 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| 8 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 7 |

**MAGIC SQUARE:** vast; ache; shun; tend.

**WORD PYRAMID:** Immersion heater.

**EQUALISER:** Clockwise from top left – add; divide; multiply; subtract. Total: 5.

**CRYPTIC CROSSWORD:**

**Across** – 1 Equipment; 9 Arbour; 10 Miss; 11 Same; 12 Eaglet; 13 Chester; 16 Heat; 17 Redo; 18 Fir; 20 Coy; 21 Lour; 23 Peso; 25 Swollen; 26 Malice; 29 Avon; 30 Rate; 31 Timbre; 32 Dreamland.

**Down** – 2 Quiche; 3 Insist; 4 Master; 5 Name; 6 Treason; 7 Boil; 8 Criterion; 13 Checkmate; 14 Easy; 15 Remus; 18 Fuel; 19 Placard; 22 Rwanda; 23 Plural; 24 Sexton; 27 Lump; 28 Ever.

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**FIVE ALIVE:**

**(1) Across** – Chuck; Ratio; Seeks.
**Down** – Curds; Untie; Knots.
**(2) Across** – Eager; Stump; Latin.
**Down** – Easel; Gaunt; Ripen.

**NONAGRAM:**

aldrin; arid; ardly; daggy; dally; darling; dam; dial; diary; dinar; ding; dingy; drag; draggy; drail; drain; dray; dray; drying; dying; gild; grid; glad; gland; grad; gradin; grading; grand; grandly; grid; grind; idly; idyl; lading; lady; laid; lair; land; lard; larding; lardy; lidar; ligand; nadir; nard; niggard; NIGGARDLY; raid; rand; randily; randy; ridgy; rind; yard.

# Friday March 2nd

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**MORNING**

**9.15am** Murder, Mystery and My Family
**10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer
**11.00am** Wanted Down Under Revisited
**11.45am** Caught Red Handed

**AFTERNOON**

**12.15pm** Bargain Hunt
**1.00pm** BBC News at One
**1.30pm** Regional News and Weather
**1.45pm** Doctors
**2.15pm** Shakespeare and Hathaway - Private Investigators
**3.00pm** Escape to the Country
**3.45pm** Get Away for Winter
**4.30pm** Antiques Road Trip
**5.15pm** Pointless

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** BBC News at Six
**6.30pm** Regional News and Weather
**7.00pm** The One Show
**7.30pm** MasterChef
**8.00pm** EastEnders
**8.30pm** Room 101
**9.00pm** Requiem
**10.00pm** BBC News at Ten
**10.25pm** Regional News and Weather
**10.35pm** The Young Offenders
**11.05pm** Blades of Glory
**12.30am** Weather for the Week Ahead
**12.35am** BBC News
**6.00am** Breakfast

## BBC 2

**TOP TV**

**11.05pm** The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story

**MORNING**

**7.15am** Wanted Down Under Revisited
**8.00am** Back in Time for Tea
**9.00am** Athletics

**AFTERNOON**

**1.45pm** Plan it, Build it
**2.15pm** Yes Chef
**3.00pm** A Place to Call Home
**3.50pm** More Creatures Great and Small
**4.20pm** Greece with Simon Reeve
**5.20pm** Great British Railway Journeys
**5.50pm** Athletics

**EVENING**

**10.00pm** QI
**10.30pm** Newsnight
**11.05pm** The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
**11.55pm** A Hijacking
**1.35am** The Sheriffs are Coming
**2.35am** Julius Caesar Revealed
**3.35am** Royal Recipes
**4.15am** This is BBC Two
**6.00am** Nature's Weirdest Events
**6.25am** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature
**6.55am** The Pets Factor

## ITV

**TOP TV**

**8.30pm** Coronation Street

**MORNING**

**8.30am** Lorraine
**9.25am** The Jeremy Kyle Show
**10.30am** This Morning

**AFTERNOON**

**12.30pm** Loose Women
**1.30pm** ITV Lunchtime News
**1.55pm** ITV News London
**2.00pm** James Martin's American Adventure
**3.00pm** Tenable
**4.00pm** Tipping Point
**5.00pm** The Chase

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** ITV News London
**6.30pm** ITV Evening News
**7.00pm** Emmerdale
**7.30pm** Coronation Street
**8.00pm** Love Your Garden
**8.30pm** Coronation Street
**9.00pm** Lethal Weapon
**10.00pm** ITV News at Ten and Weather
**10.30pm** ITV News London
**10.45pm** Piers Morgan's Life Stories
**11.45pm** Take Me Out
**12.35am** Jackpot247
**3.00am** Alphabetical
**3.50am** ITV Nightscreen

## Channel 4

**TOP TV**

**9.00pm** Gogglebox

**MORNING**

**7.10am** 3rd Rock from the Sun
**7.35am** Everybody Loves Raymond
**8.30am** Frasier
**10.05am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
**11.00am** Undercover Boss USA

**AFTERNOON**

**12.00pm** Channel 4 News
**12.05pm** Come Dine with Me
**1.05pm** Posh Pawnbrokers
**2.10pm** Countdown
**3.00pm** A Place in the Sun
**4.00pm** A New Life in the Sun
**5.00pm** Four in a Bed
**5.30pm** Extreme Cake Makers

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** The Simpsons
**6.30pm** Hollyoaks
**7.00pm** Channel 4 News
**8.00pm** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
**9.00pm** Gogglebox
**10.00pm** The Last Leg
**11.05pm** Rude Tube
**12.05am** 30 Days of Night
**2.10am** Born to Kill
**3.05am** Damned
**3.35am** The Question Jury
**4.30am** Four Rooms with Sarah Beeny
**5.25am** Location, Location, Location

## Channel 5

**TOP TV**

**7.00pm** Inside Kensington Palace

**MORNING**

**8.20am** Digby Dragon
**8.35am** Rusty Rivets
**8.55am** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
**9.05am** Mofy
**9.15am** The Wright Stuff
**11.15am** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!

**AFTERNOON**

**12.10pm** 5 News Lunchtime
**12.15pm** GPs: Behind Closed Doors
**1.15pm** Home and Away
**1.45pm** Neighbours
**2.15pm** NCIS
**3.15pm** Brace for Impact
**5.00pm** 5 News at 5
**5.30pm** Neighbours

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** Home and Away
**6.30pm** 5 News Tonight
**7.00pm** Inside Kensington Palace
**8.00pm** The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard
**9.00pm** Cruising with Jane McDonald
**10.00pm** Will and Grace
**10.30pm** Jo Brand: Secrets of Her Success
**11.30pm** Jo Brand's Cats and Kittens
**12.15am** Super Casino
**3.10am** The X Files
**4.00am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors
**4.45am** House Doctor
**5.10am** Nick's Quest

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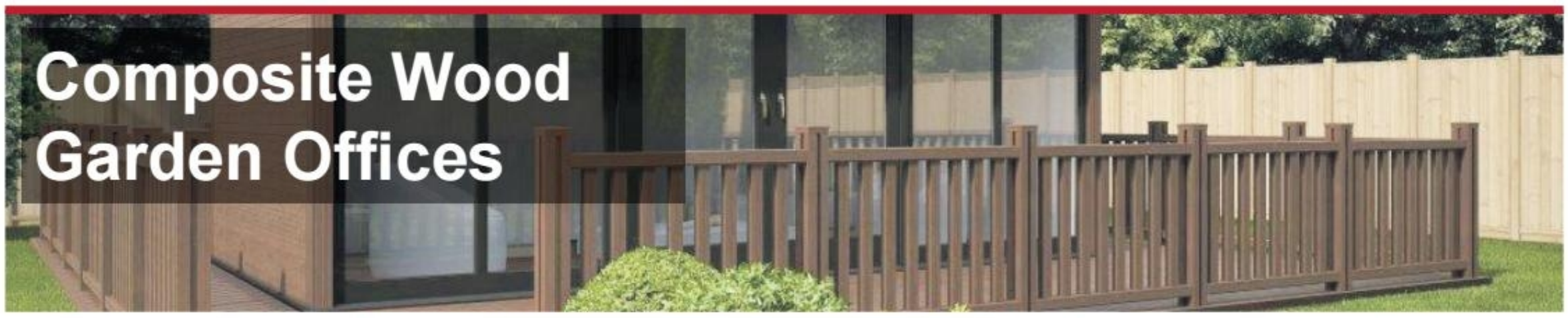


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# Saturday March 3rd

## TOP TV

### BBC 1

**8.20pm** Casualty

### BBC 2

**3.30pm** Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby

### ITV

**7.00pm** Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway

### Channel 4

**11.00pm** Predator

### Channel 5

**7.00pm** Cruising with Jane McDonald

## MORNING

**10.00am** Saturday Kitchen Live
**11.30am** Classic Mary Berry

**7.15am** The Dengineers
**7.45am** Absolute Genius: Monster Builds
**8.15am** Beyond Bionic
**8.45am** Robot Wars
**9.45am** Athletics

**9.05am** Wishfart
**9.25am** ITV News
**9.30am** Saturday Morning with James Martin
**11.25am** Dancing on Ice

**7.10am** King of Queens
**8.00am** Everybody Loves Raymond
**9.00am** Frasier
**10.30am** The Big Bang Theory

**9.50am** Peppa Pig
**10.05am** Olly the Little White Van
**10.10am** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
**10.40am** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
**11.10am** Police Interceptors

## AFTERNOON

**12.00pm** Football Focus
**1.00pm** BBC News
**1.15pm** Triathlon World Series
**2.45pm** Cycling: World Track Championships
**4.30pm** Final Score
**5.10pm** A Question of Sport
**5.40pm** Celebrity Mastermind

**1.30pm** Escape to the Continent
**2.30pm** Me and My Dog
**3.30pm** Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
**4.30pm** Hugh's Wild West
**5.30pm** Athletics

**1.25pm** ITV Lunchtime News
**1.30pm** ITV Racing: Live from Doncaster
**4.00pm** Tipping Point
**5.00pm** The Chase

**12.00pm** The Simpsons
**12.30pm** The Simpsons
**1.00pm** The Simpsons
**1.30pm** Come Dine with Me
**2.30pm** Coast v Country
**3.35pm** A Place in the Sun
**4.35pm** The Secret Life of the Zoo
**5.35pm** The Supervet

**12.10pm** Police Interceptors
**1.10pm** Police Interceptors
**2.10pm** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
**3.10pm** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
**4.05pm** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
**5.00pm** Rich House, Poor House

## EVENING

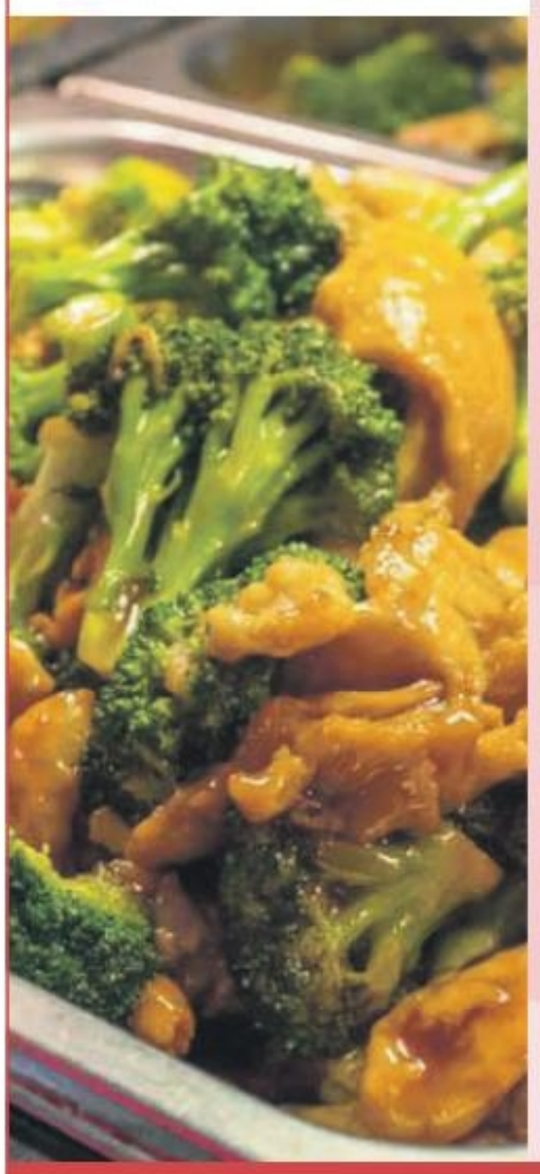
**6.10pm** BBC News
**6.20pm** Regional News and Weather
**6.25pm** Pointless
**7.15pm** All Together Now
**8.20pm** Casualty
**9.10pm** Troy: Fall of a City
**10.10pm** BBC News
**10.30pm** Match of the Day
**11.55pm** My Brother the Devil
**1.40am** Weather for the Week Ahead
**1.45am** BBC News
**6.00am** Breakfast

**9.30pm** A Little Chaos
**11.20pm** The Help
**1.40am** Civilisations
**2.40am** This is BBC Two
**6.05am** Coast
**6.50am** A to Z of TV Gardening

**6.00pm** ITV Evening News
**6.20pm** ITV News London
**6.30pm** You've Been Framed!
**7.00pm** Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
**8.30pm** The Voice UK
**9.50pm** Piers Morgan's Life Stories
**10.45pm** ITV News
**11.05pm** The Fast and the Furious
**1.05am** Jackpot247
**3.00am** Babushka
**3.50am** ITV Nightscreen
**6.00am** Sooty
**6.10am** The Aquabats! Super Show!

**6.30pm** Channel 4 News
**7.00pm** Penelope Keith's Coastal Villages
**8.00pm** Britain at Low Tide
**9.00pm** 10 Cloverfield Lane
**11.00pm** Predator
**1.00am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
**1.50am** The Last Leg
**2.45am** Hollyoaks Omnibus
**4.55am** The Question Jury
**5.50am** Superfoods: The Real Story
**6.20am** King of Queens
**6.45am** King of Queens

**6.00pm** The Secret Life of Kittens
**7.00pm** Cruising with Jane McDonald
**8.00pm** The Queen Mary: Cruising with the Royals
**8.55pm** 5 News Weekend
**9.00pm** Football on 5
**10.00pm** Live Boxing
**11.30pm** Football on 5
**12.00am** Super Casino
**3.10am** Cowboy Builders
**4.00am** Cowboy Builders
**4.45am** House Doctor
**5.10am** Nick's Quest
**5.35am** Wildlife SOS

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# Sunday March 4th

## BBC 1

**4.50pm** Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

**MORNING**

**7.30am** Match of the Day
**9.00am** The Andrew Marr Show
**10.00am** The Big Questions
**11.00am** Sunday Politics

**AFTERNOON**

**12.15pm** Murder, Mystery and My Family
**1.00pm** BBC News
**1.15pm** MasterChef
**2.15pm** MasterChef
**3.15pm** MasterChef
**3.45pm** Money for Nothing
**4.15pm** Songs of Praise
**4.50pm** Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

**EVENING**

**6.05pm** BBC News
**6.20pm** Regional News and Weather
**6.30pm** Countryfile
**7.30pm** Hold the Sunset
**8.00pm** Call the Midwife
**9.00pm** Strike
**10.00pm** BBC News
**10.20pm** Regional News and Weather
**10.30pm** Match of the Day 2
**11.30pm** Reign of Fire
**1.05am** Weather for the Week Ahead
**1.10am** BBC News
**6.00am** Breakfast

## BBC 2

**8.00pm** Top Gear

**MORNING**

**8.30am** Countryfile
**9.30am** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
**11.00am** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge
**11.45am** Lorraine Pascale: How to be a Better Cook

**AFTERNOON**

**12.15pm** MOTD2 Extra
**1.00pm** Cycling: World Track Championships
**2.45pm** Athletics

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** Back in Time for Tea
**7.00pm** World's Most Extraordinary Homes
**8.00pm** Top Gear
**9.00pm** Life and Death Row
**10.20pm** The Mash Report
**10.50pm** Top Gear: Extra Gear
**11.15pm** Cleverman
**12.10am** Question Time
**1.10am** Holby City
**2.10am** This is BBC Two
**6.00am** Caught Red Handed
**6.30am** Get Away for Winter

## ITV

**12.05am** Marcella

**MORNING**

**8.30am** Spy School
**9.05am** Wishfart
**9.25am** ITV News
**9.30am** Love Your Garden
**10.00am** Peston on Sunday
**11.00am** The Voice UK

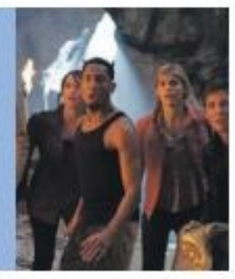
**AFTERNOON**

**12.20pm** ITV Lunchtime News
**12.30pm** Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
**2.00pm** What Would Your Kid Do?
**3.00pm** Britain's Brightest Family
**3.30pm** Tipping Point
**4.30pm** ITV Evening News
**4.45pm** ITV News London
**5.00pm** The Chase: Celebrity Special

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** Dancing on Ice
**8.00pm** Endeavour
**10.00pm** ITV News
**10.15pm** Peston on Sunday
**11.15pm** The Martin Lewis Money Show
**11.40pm** 100 Year Old Driving School
**12.05am** Marcella
**1.00am** Jackpot247
**3.00am** Take on the Twisters
**3.50am** ITV Nightscreen
**5.05am** The Jeremy Kyle Show
**6.00am** Good Morning Britain

## Channel 4



**2.55pm** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters

**MORNING**

**7.10am** Everybody Loves Raymond
**8.00am** Frasier
**8.30am** Frasier
**9.00am** Frasier
**9.30am** Sunday Brunch

**AFTERNOON**

**12.30pm** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
**1.30pm** The Simpsons
**1.55pm** The Simpsons
**2.25pm** The Simpsons
**2.55pm** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters
**4.55pm** Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb

**EVENING**

**6.40pm** Channel 4 News
**7.00pm** Posh Pawn
**8.00pm** Churchill's Secret Affair
**9.00pm** Homeland
**10.05pm** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
**11.05pm** Lee Mack
**12.05am** The Haunting
**2.00am** KOTV Boxing Weekly
**2.30am** The Supervet
**3.25am** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
**4.20am** Coast v Country
**5.10am** Superfoods: The Real Story
**5.40am** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free

## Channel 5

**4.25pm** The Dirty Dozen

**MORNING**

**9.00am** Digby Dragon
**9.15am** Peppa Pig
**9.25am** Football on 5
**10.15am** Football on 5
**10.45am** FIA Formula E Highlights
**11.50am** Police Interceptors

**AFTERNOON**

**12.50pm** Wyatt Earp
**4.25pm** The Dirty Dozen
**5.25pm** 5 News
**5.30pm** The Dirty Dozen

**EVENING**

**7.20pm** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
**8.00pm** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
**8.55pm** 5 News Weekend
**9.00pm** When Award Shows Go Horribly Wrong
**11.55pm** Jo Brand: Secrets of Her Success
**12.55am** Cruising with Jane McDonald
**1.05am** Super Casino
**3.10am** Cowboy Builders
**4.00am** My Mum's Hotter Than Me!
**4.45am** House Doctor
**5.10am** Nick's Quest
**5.35am** Wildlife SOS
**6.00am** Puffin Rock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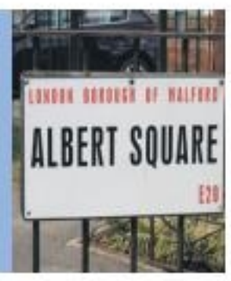
## TOP TV

### BBC 1

**8.00pm** EastEnders




### BBC 2

**9.00pm** Collateral

### ITV

**5.00pm** The Chase

### Channel 4

**8.30pm** Food Unwrapped

### Channel 5

**9.00pm** The Flying Scotsman

## MORNING

**9.15am** Murder, Mystery and My Family
**10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer
**11.00am** Wanted Down Under Revisited
**11.45am** Caught Red Handed

**7.15am** Wanted Down Under Revisited
**8.00am** Hugh's Wild West
**9.00am** Victoria Derbyshire
**11.00am** BBC Newsroom Live
**11.30am** The Week in Parliament

**8.30am** Lorraine
**9.25am** The Jeremy Kyle Show
**10.30am** This Morning

**7.10am** 3rd Rock from the Sun
**7.35am** Everybody Loves Raymond
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**9.15am** The Wright Stuff
**11.15am** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!

## AFTERNOON

**12.15pm** Bargain Hunt
**1.00pm** BBC News at One
**1.30pm** Regional News and Weather
**1.45pm** Doctors
**2.15pm** Shakespeare and Hathaway - Private Investigators
**3.00pm** Escape to the Country
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**5.15pm** Pointless

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**4.50pm** More Creatures Great and Small
**5.20pm** Flog It!

**12.30pm** Loose Women
**1.30pm** ITV Lunchtime News
**1.55pm** ITV News London
**2.00pm** James Martin's American Adventure
**3.00pm** Tenable
**4.00pm** Tipping Point
**5.00pm** The Chase

**12.00pm** Channel 4 News
**12.05pm** Come Dine with Me
**1.05pm** Posh Pawnbrokers
**2.10pm** Countdown
**3.00pm** A Place in the Sun
**4.00pm** A New Life in the Sun
**5.00pm** Four in a Bed
**5.30pm** Extreme Cake Makers

**12.10pm** 5 News Lunchtime
**12.15pm** GPs: Behind Closed Doors
**1.15pm** Home and Away
**1.45pm** Neighbours
**2.20pm** NCIS
**3.15pm** Forbidden Secrets
**5.00pm** 5 News at 5
**5.30pm** Neighbours

## EVENING

**6.00pm** BBC News at Six
**6.30pm** Regional News and Weather
**7.00pm** The One Show
**7.30pm** Inside Out
**8.00pm** EastEnders
**8.30pm** Classic Mary Berry
**9.00pm** MasterChef
**10.00pm** BBC News at Ten
**10.30pm** Regional News and Weather
**10.45pm** Imagine...
**11.50pm** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You
**12.35am** Weather for the Week Ahead
**12.40am** BBC News

**6.00pm** Eggheads
**6.30pm** Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland
**7.00pm** Top Gear
**8.00pm** Only Connect
**8.30pm** University Challenge
**9.00pm** Collateral
**10.00pm** Two Doors Down
**10.25pm** Big Field
**10.30pm** Newsnight
**11.15pm** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities
**11.45pm** Odyssey
**12.25am** Odyssey

**6.00pm** ITV News London
**6.30pm** ITV Evening News
**7.00pm** Emmerdale
**7.30pm** Coronation Street
**8.00pm** The Kyle Files
**8.30pm** Coronation Street
**9.00pm** Marcella
**10.00pm** ITV News at Ten and Weather
**10.35pm** ITV News London
**10.50pm** Serial Killer with Piers Morgan
**11.50pm** The Detectives: Inside the Major Crimes Team
**12.40am** The Kyle Files
**1.05am** Jackpot247

**6.00pm** The Simpsons
**6.30pm** Hollyoaks
**7.00pm** Channel 4 News
**8.00pm** Dispatches
**8.30pm** Food Unwrapped
**9.00pm** 24 Hours in Police Custody
**10.00pm** Electric Dreams
**11.05pm** Married at First Sight
**12.10am** The ¬£1 Houses: Britain's Cheapest Street
**1.05am** The Job Interview
**2.00am** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
**2.55am** The Question Jury
**3.50am** Coast v Country

**6.00pm** Home and Away
**6.30pm** 5 News Tonight
**7.00pm** Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
**8.00pm** Extreme Winter Road Rescue
**9.00pm** The Flying Scotsman
**10.00pm** The X Files
**11.00pm** The X Files
**11.55pm** Traffic Cops
**12.55am** Britain's Greatest Bridges
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**4.00am** Witches: A Century of Murder
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# Tuesday March 6th

## BBC 1

**TOP TV**

**9.00pm** Shetland

**MORNING**

**9.15am** Murder, Mystery and My Family
**10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer
**11.00am** Wanted Down Under Revisited
**11.45am** Caught Red Handed

**AFTERNOON**

**12.15pm** Bargain Hunt
**1.00pm** BBC News at One
**1.30pm** Regional News and Weather
**1.45pm** Doctors
**2.15pm** Shakespeare and Hathaway - Private Investigators
**3.00pm** Escape to the Country
**3.45pm** Coast and Country Auctions
**4.30pm** Antiques Road Trip
**5.15pm** Pointless

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** BBC News at Six
**6.30pm** Regional News and Weather
**7.00pm** The One Show
**7.30pm** EastEnders
**8.00pm** Holby City
**9.00pm** Shetland
**10.00pm** BBC News at Ten
**10.30pm** Regional News and Weather
**10.45pm** This Country
**11.15pm** The Gap Year Paedophile
**12.15am** Weather for the Week Ahead
**12.20am** BBC News
**6.00am** Breakfast

## BBC 2

**TOP TV**

**7.00pm** Saving Lives at Sea

**MORNING**

**7.15am** Wanted Down Under Revisited
**8.00am** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
**9.00am** Victoria Derbyshire
**11.00am** BBC Newsroom Live

**AFTERNOON**

**12.00pm** The Daily Politics
**1.00pm** The Super League Show
**1.45pm** Plan it, Build it
**2.15pm** Yes Chef
**3.00pm** A Place to Call Home
**3.50pm** Pilgrimage with Simon Reeve
**4.50pm** More Creatures Great and Small
**5.20pm** Flog It!

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** Eggheads
**6.30pm** Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland
**7.00pm** Saving Lives at Sea
**8.00pm** Back in Time for Tea
**9.00pm** Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
**10.00pm** Mum
**10.25pm** The Archiveologists
**10.30pm** Newsnight
**11.15pm** World's Most Extraordinary Homes
**12.15am** The Inside Story
**1.15am** Generation Gifted

## ITV

**TOP TV**

**7.00pm** Emmerdale

**MORNING**

**8.30am** Lorraine
**9.25am** The Jeremy Kyle Show
**10.30am** This Morning

**AFTERNOON**

**12.30pm** Loose Women
**1.30pm** ITV Lunchtime News
**1.55pm** ITV News London
**2.00pm** James Martin's American Adventure
**3.00pm** Tenable
**4.00pm** Tipping Point
**5.00pm** The Chase

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** ITV News London
**6.30pm** ITV Evening News
**7.00pm** Emmerdale
**7.30pm** 100 Year Old Driving School
**8.00pm** What Would Your Kid Do?
**9.00pm** 100 Years Younger in 21 Days
**10.00pm** ITV News at Ten and Weather
**10.30pm** ITV News London
**10.45pm** The Cruise: Voyage to Alaska
**11.15pm** Benidorm
**12.10am** Jackpot247
**3.00am** Loose Women
**3.50am** ITV Nightscreen
**5.05am** The Jeremy Kyle Show

## Channel 4

**TOP TV**

**4.00pm** A New Life in the Sun

**MORNING**

**7.10am** 3rd Rock from the Sun
**7.35am** Everybody Loves Raymond
**8.30am** Frasier
**10.00am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
**11.00am** Undercover Boss USA

**AFTERNOON**

**12.00pm** Channel 4 News
**12.05pm** Come Dine with Me
**1.05pm** Posh Pawnbrokers
**2.10pm** Countdown
**3.00pm** A Place in the Sun
**4.00pm** A New Life in the Sun
**5.00pm** Four in a Bed
**5.30pm** Extreme Cake Makers

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** The Simpsons
**6.30pm** Hollyoaks
**7.00pm** Channel 4 News
**8.00pm** The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer
**9.15pm** Seven Year Switch
**10.25pm** Gogglebox
**11.25pm** Before We Die
**12.35am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
**1.25am** It's a Weird World
**2.20am** The Supervet
**3.15am** The Question Jury
**4.10am** Coast v Country

## Channel 5

**TOP TV**

**3.15pm** Bond of Silence

**MORNING**

**8.20am** Digby Dragon
**8.35am** Rusty Rivets
**8.55am** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
**9.05am** Mofy
**9.15am** The Wright Stuff
**11.15am** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!

**AFTERNOON**

**12.05pm** Access
**12.10pm** 5 News Lunchtime
**12.15pm** GPs: Behind Closed Doors
**1.15pm** Home and Away
**1.45pm** Neighbours
**2.15pm** NCIS
**3.15pm** Bond of Silence
**5.00pm** 5 News at 5
**5.30pm** Neighbours
**6.00pm** Home and Away
**6.30pm** 5 News Tonight

**EVENING**

**7.00pm** Loch Lomond: A Year in the Wild
**8.00pm** Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
**9.00pm** Wild Britain with Ray Mears
**10.00pm** Elizabeth: Our Queen
**11.05pm** The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard
**12.05am** Weather Terror
**1.00am** Super Casino
**3.10am** Cowboy Builders
**4.00am** Witches: A Century of Murder
**4.45am** House Doctor
**5.10am** Nick's Quest

# Wednesday March 7th

## BBC 1

**TOP TV**

**2.15pm** Shakespeare and Hathaway - Private Investigators

**MORNING**

**9.15am** Murder, Mystery and My Family
**10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer
**11.00am** Wanted Down Under Revisited
**11.45am** Caught Red Handed

**AFTERNOON**

**12.15pm** Bargain Hunt
**1.00pm** BBC News at One
**1.30pm** Regional News and Weather
**1.45pm** Doctors
**2.15pm** Shakespeare and Hathaway - Private Investigators
**3.00pm** Escape to the Country
**3.45pm** Coast and Country Auctions
**4.30pm** Antiques Road Trip
**5.15pm** Pointless

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** BBC News at Six
**6.30pm** Regional News and Weather
**7.00pm** The One Show
**7.30pm** Panorama
**8.00pm** DIY SOS the Big Build
**9.00pm** Earth's Natural Wonders
**10.00pm** BBC News at Ten
**10.30pm** Regional News and Weather
**10.45pm** A Question of Sport
**11.15pm** Film 2018
**11.45pm** Memento
**1.35am** Weather for the Week Ahead
**1.40am** BBC News
**6.00am** Breakfast

## BBC 2

**TOP TV**

**4.55pm** More Creatures Great and Small

**MORNING**

**7.15am** Wanted Down Under Revisited
**8.00am** See Hear
**8.30am** Great British Railway Journeys
**9.00am** Victoria Derbyshire
**11.00am** BBC Newsroom Live
**11.30am** The Daily Politics

**AFTERNOON**

**1.00pm** Perfection
**1.45pm** Plan it, Build it
**2.15pm** Yes Chef
**3.00pm** A Place to Call Home
**3.55pm** Pilgrimage with Simon Reeve
**4.55pm** More Creatures Great and Small
**5.25pm** Flog It!

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** Eggheads
**6.30pm** Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland
**7.00pm** Saving Lives at Sea
**8.00pm** World's Most Extraordinary Homes
**9.00pm** The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
**9.50pm** Live at the Apollo
**10.30pm** Newsnight
**11.15pm** Nature's Weirdest Events
**12.00am** Women's Football
**2.10am** See Hear
**2.40am** Flatpack Empire

## ITV

**TOP TV**

**9.00pm** Benidorm

**MORNING**

**8.30am** Lorraine
**9.25am** The Jeremy Kyle Show
**10.30am** This Morning

**AFTERNOON**

**12.30pm** Loose Women
**1.30pm** ITV Lunchtime News
**1.55pm** ITV News London
**2.00pm** James Martin's American Adventure
**3.00pm** Tenable
**4.00pm** Tipping Point
**5.00pm** The Chase

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** ITV News London
**6.30pm** ITV Evening News
**7.00pm** Emmerdale
**7.30pm** Coronation Street
**8.00pm** Britain's Brightest Family
**8.30pm** Coronation Street
**9.00pm** Benidorm
**10.00pm** ITV News at Ten and Weather
**10.30pm** ITV News London
**10.45pm** UEFA Champions League Highlights
**11.45pm** Play to the Whistle
**12.35am** Jackpot247
**3.00am** Tenable

## Channel 4

**TOP TV**

**8.00pm** The Supervet

**MORNING**

**7.10am** 3rd Rock from the Sun
**7.35am** Everybody Loves Raymond
**8.30am** Frasier
**10.00am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
**11.00am** Undercover Boss USA

**AFTERNOON**

**12.00pm** Channel 4 News
**12.05pm** Come Dine with Me
**1.05pm** Posh Pawnbrokers
**2.10pm** Countdown
**3.00pm** Crufts Extra with Alan and Clare
**4.00pm** A New Life in the Sun
**5.00pm** Four in a Bed
**5.30pm** Extreme Cake Makers

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** The Simpsons
**6.30pm** Hollyoaks
**7.00pm** Channel 4 News
**8.00pm** The Supervet
**9.00pm** One Born Every Minute
**10.00pm** Damned
**10.35pm** 24 Hours in Police Custody
**11.35pm** 999: What's Your Emergency?
**12.30am** Pokerstars Championship Cash Challenge
**1.25am** The East
**3.20am** The Question Jury
**4.15am** Coast v Country
**5.05am** Location, Location, Location

## Channel 5

**TOP TV**

**9.00pm** Violent Child, Desperate Parents

**MORNING**

**8.20am** Digby Dragon
**8.35am** Rusty Rivets
**8.55am** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
**9.05am** Mofy
**9.15am** The Wright Stuff
**11.15am** Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!

**AFTERNOON**

**12.10pm** 5 News Lunchtime
**12.15pm** GPs: Behind Closed Doors
**1.05pm** Access
**1.15pm** Home and Away
**1.45pm** Neighbours
**2.15pm** NCIS
**3.15pm** Love You to Death
**5.00pm** 5 News at 5
**5.30pm** Neighbours

**EVENING**

**6.00pm** Home and Away
**6.30pm** 5 News Tonight
**7.00pm** Extreme Winter Road Rescue
**8.00pm** GPs: Behind Closed Doors
**9.00pm** Violent Child, Desperate Parents
**10.00pm** Most Shocking
**12.55am** Super Casino
**3.10am** Cowboy Builders
**4.00am** Now That's Funny!
**4.45am** House Doctor
**5.10am** Nick's Quest
**5.35am** Wildlife SOS

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# Oxford – England's number 1 for growth potential

*Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Martin and Co, Oxford*

OXFORD has come first with Cambridge a close second as the city with the best growth potential in the England, according to a report published this week by Arcadis. The report highlights Oxford as having substantial potential with only Edinburgh rating higher in the UK.

The report states that Oxford and Cambridge are set to be boosted by the Oxford – Milton Keynes – Cambridge corridor.

Arcadis scored cities in several areas including economic performance, branding, housing, quality of life, quality of place, people, growth and infrastructure. These measures were used to identify the attractiveness for future inward overseas investment for social and economic growth. Oxford achieved a total score of 56.1% with Cambridge on 55.8%, with only Edinburgh topping them within the UK with a score of 65.5%. The report looked at a total of 24 UK cities.

Particularly highlighted were collaboration and JV investments as key to fulfilling the potential, especially in housing and infrastructure – which is a key focus of the Oxford Cambridge Corridor project. The report states that the corridor will improve investment potential by reducing congestion, making housing more affordable and enhancing connectivity. The corridor is expected to play an important part in enhancing future investment, particularly in the following key areas:

- Housing – to reduce the ratio of average house prices to average earnings;
- Road congestion – reducing the hours spent per year in traffic jams;
- Enhanced airport connectivity – to improve journey times to and from key airports

The first two of these has been given top priority in the work of the Oxfordshire Growth Board (consisting of all six Oxfordshire local authorities). The £215 million Housing and Growth Deal between Oxfordshire and the government is expected to be signed off at the end of this month and will support the opening up of new housing sites around the county and the development of a Local Industrial Strategy for Oxfordshire.

Regular readers will know that I have recently written about the challenge of house affordability in Oxford, and the importance of additional new build focussed at the 1,2 and 3 bedroom end of the property market. New supply coming on-stream will ease entry into a congested Oxfordshire property market. Provided there is continued investment in infrastructure enabling easy access to Bicester, Kidlington, Oxford and Abingdon for work and leisure, Oxford's property market will benefit. Oxford is an aspirational place to live and work, and sits at the top of a local property market, that needs new housing supply to avoid housing affordability becoming the factor that limits the City fulfilling its growth potential.

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# 2018: the year of opportunity for property investors

DESPITE numerous Government legislative changes aimed at stemming the growth of the Buy to Let market, we believe that 2018 will, in fact, be a year of opportunity for serious property investors.

Simply, it is a myth that increased taxation has made investment in the private rented sector unviable. Certainly, it will have put some off - those who fell in to becoming a landlord through being unable to sell an existing home; those who inherited a property; or maybe those who found two halves of a couple coming together and decided to keep one home as an 'investment' – as simply these are less likely to have had a strategically thought-out, long-term vision in place that would anticipate and plan for these obstacles.

And that's the key here. Property investment isn't something to be taken nonchalantly. It may have been in the past, but nowadays it's a much more serious investment route to pursue and consequently it must have more serious guidelines associated with it. But that's not a bad thing...

For landlords who are prepared to take a strategic approach, we believe that buy to let remains a very positive investment option. Indeed, where investors have been put off and have therefore exited the market, those who remain and take a business approach, are given first access to the best of the rental properties – that's no bad thing!

However, the opportunities for growth in the private rented sector here in Oxfordshire specifically, are magnified further due to a unique combination of factors.

Simply, it is anticipated that the number of young people aged 18-25 in the region will grow by over 11 per cent in the next 20 years and recognising the struggles that this segment of society has in taking its first step on the property ladder, it means that added demand will be placed on the private rented sector. When added to the high percentage of students and transient academic staff in the area and the increasing popularity of Oxfordshire as an accessible location within close proximity of strong transport links, the opportunities for those investing in the private rented sector here are increasingly clear.

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# Major milestone for retirement builder.... as Wantage development hits 50% sold out

RENAISSANCE Retirement has announced it has reached a major milestone having sold 50 per cent of its new retirement apartments in Wantage.

The development opened in November and sales have been encouraging with over 15 apartments sold to date, making it one of the company's fastest selling developments.

Over £1m of top end retirement apartments were sold in the opening week when the company opened the doors to the public and the company has reported another two sales in January.

The development, built on the former magistrates' court and Police station on Church Street, comprises 32 one and two bed spacious apartments. The company has been attracting a wide range of interested buyers from the local area.

Renaissance Retirement's sales director Matt Smith said: "It's a very encouraging start. We are now over 50 per cent sold out and have good interest in a number of apartments. It's an exciting time for potential buyers having this choice of size of apartment and central location in Wantage."

Matt added: "There is very strong interest in the Wantage area for good quality retirement apartments. Our sales message is clear – come and view some very smart, spacious, energy efficient flats while there's good availability."

Chris Wotton, marketing director at Renaissance Retirement, said: "If it's an easier lifestyle people are looking for this is perfect. Only a few hundred steps to the market square you have superb access to the very best Wantage offers on your doorstep."

Renaissance Retirement claims it's responding to market demand with its development which offers bigger more spacious retirement flats.

The luxurious properties will provide an exceptional standard of independent living for those considering downsizing from a larger family home.

The spacious one and two bedroom apartments are impeccably finished with contemporary interiors, whilst owners also have access to an owners' drawing room and landscaped gardens.

Renaissance Retirement has a distinguished history; the company was handpicked by HRH Prince of Wales to build a landmark collection of retirement apartments in the heart of Poundbury, Dorchester.

Noticing a demand for luxury retirement housing, Renaissance Retirement design, build and manage luxury retirement developments,

with communal areas meticulously cleaned and maintained to ensure a level of comfort that one would expect in a 4 star hotel.

The company offers a number of added owner incentives and benefits, and Renaissance's complementary SmoothMove Service – which is offered to all owners at no extra cost – has proven particularly popular. This bespoke service includes a dedicated SmoothMove Consultant, who can offer advice and assistance with downsizing, the planning and setting up of their new home, and administrative tasks.

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Suzuki Ignis 1.2 SHVS SZ5

# Ignis 4x4 – the right car at the right time

By **Tony Yates**

I'm going to start by saying 'why is it still snowing'. We are now into March, but it's still freezing. And, as I write, the snow is still falling faster than I can remove it from my footpath.

Of course, I have children, so the snow is a good thing for them because of the fun factor. For me though, I'm very happy sitting in the warm watching them play until I hear. 'dad, come and have a snowball fight'. That's when it all goes a bit fuzzy, because I know I will be the one getting pounded with snowballs just for fun!. Saying that, this week's review of the Suzuki Ignis is right on target because its a 4x4, meaning the snow can come down as hard as it likes and the Ignis will just keep plodding on.

So if it's snowing by you right now, then I suggest you nip down to your local Suzuki dealer and ask for a demo. Talk about being in the right car at the right time.

## Power & efficiency

The Ignis is powered by a four-cylinder Dualjet petrol engine that produces 90ps at 6000rpm and 120Nm at 4400rpm. 0 to 62 mph is dealt with in 11.5 seconds – moving onto a top speed of around103 mph.

The official fuel economy figures from Suzuki are; 60.1 mpg (combined) with a CO2 rating of 106 g/km - although the best I could get was around 50mpg, but then I was not really trying to get near what Suzuki had said was possible.

## On the road

I like the way the little Ignis handles – but I do feel the suspension is a little bouncy - saying that, when the road gets twisty – it is more than capable of holding its own thanks to a good balance of chassis and suspension. When you think about it, it actually performs rather well and I was really impressed by this. Of course, this means it gives you a lot of confidence into the corners, which in turn makes it quite the drive. Also, when the road gets twisty – you have that wonderful Suzuki ALLGRIP 4-wheel drive system keeping you formally in check. Yes, you heard that correctly, a 4-wheel drive system that does a very nice job indeed of keeping you glued to the tarmac with no muddy fields involved whatsoever.

## Design & technology

My test car was fitted with decent seating and clever interior accents, which lifts even the most boring of interiors – not that the inside is boring, but you do sense that the Ignis was set out to be more practical than luxurious. Saying that it's quite plush and all the dials and controls are easy to use. But, and its a small one, some of the plastics on the inside could have been better quality.

Space – well let's just say for a small car it has bags of it - along with a decent driving position and plenty of room in the back for most adults to sit in reasonable comfort. The boot is also pretty good, with max luggage capacity coming in around 1,086 litres.

Some of the standard features fitted to my test vehicle included; LED daytime running lights, LED projector headlamps, ALLGRIP 4-wheel drive system, DAB digital radio with 4 speakers, USB, Bluetooth and iPod, driver and passenger front, side and curtain airbags, ABS with EBD, Electronic Stability Program, Hill Hold Control and Hill Descent, automatic headlights, automatic air conditioning, 16" alloy wheels, cruise control with speed limiter and rear parking camera.

## To sum up

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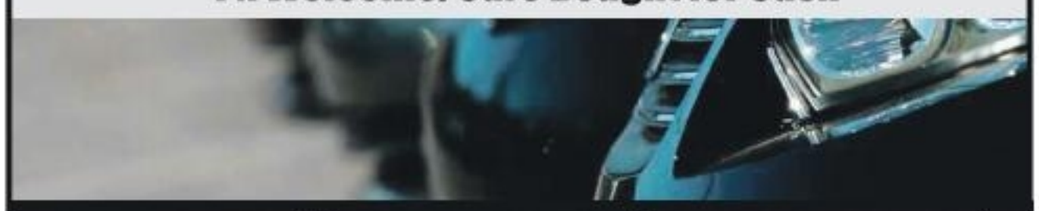

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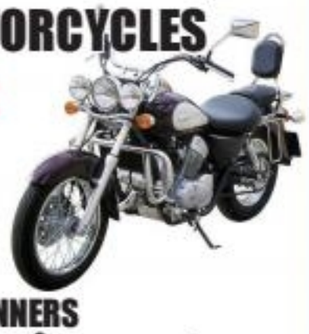

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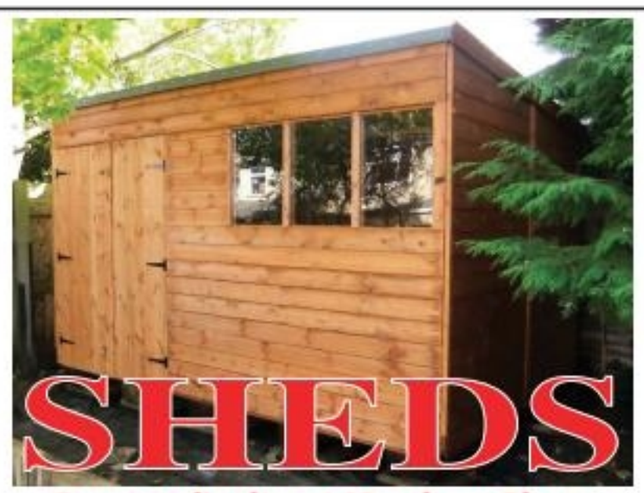


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By George Welch

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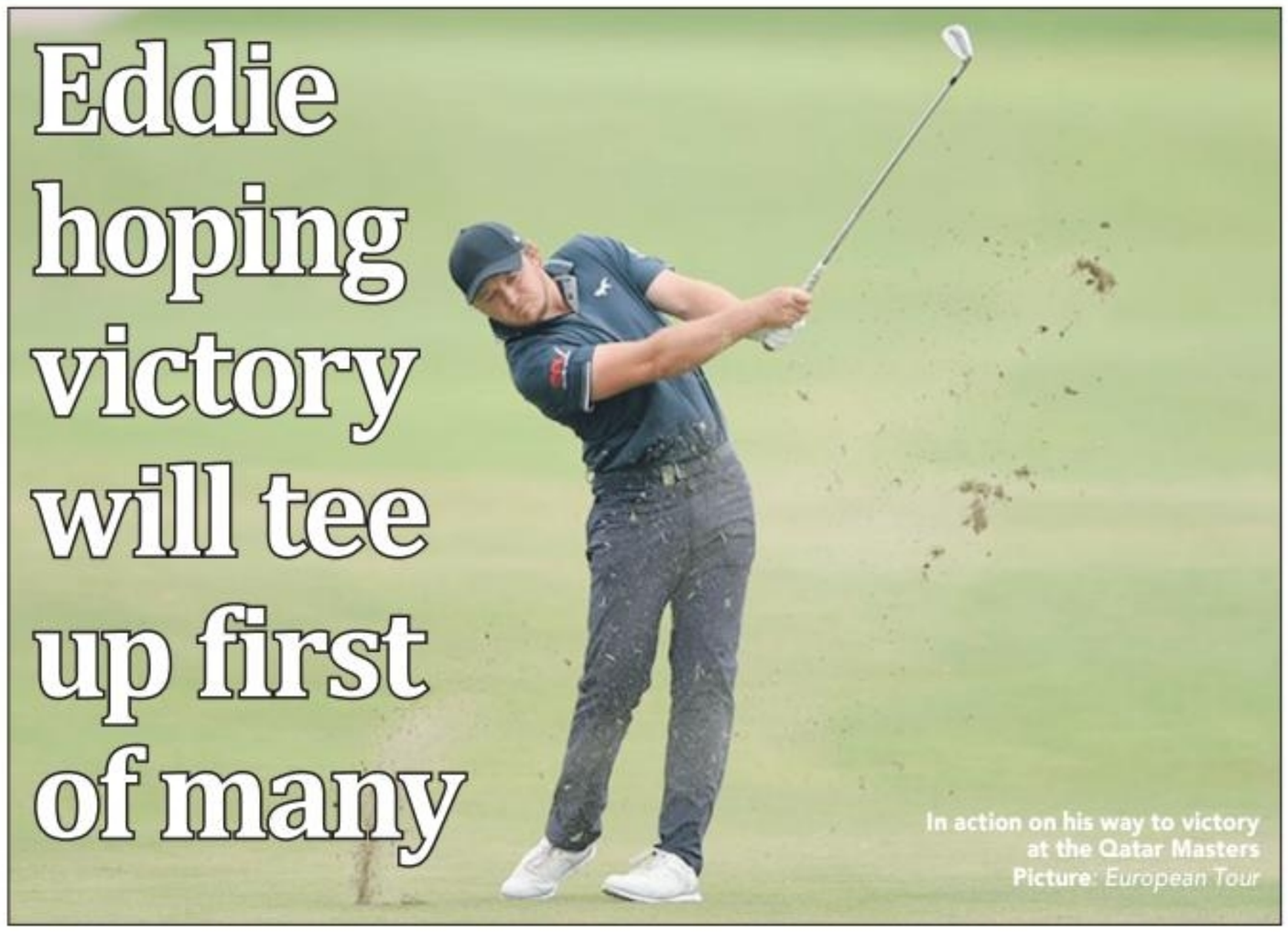

In action on his way to victory at the Qatar Masters Picture: *European Tour*

## Golf

HE threw his ball into the crowd before launching his cap in triumph.

He then ran his hands through his hair and puffed his cheeks almost in disbelief.

But Eddie Pepperell had done it – he had won his first European Tour title.

The Abingdon golfer held off compatriot Oliver Fisher on the final day to win the Qatar Masters and claim his first tour title at the 129th attempt.

Pepperell admitted it required mental strength to get over the line, although he did proudly acknowledge being in a 'bad' state the following morning.

He shot a 70 in the final round to finish on 18-under par for the tournament, one shot clear of the fast-finishing Fisher.

The 27-year-old had not exactly launched into 2018 in blistering form, but that takes nothing away from his sublime achievement.

"To pull it off is amazing," a jubilant but composed Pepperell said.

"What a day. I felt good all day, I felt comfortable.

"I didn't feel that comfortable with my swing but I was in a great place mentally and I kept telling myself that I'm going to win this."

He added: "This will give me confidence. When you win, you know you can win.

"I've always felt and believed I will win out here but it hadn't happened before today.

"You've always got to take that step and that's uneasy but at some point in everyone's career they've got to do something for the first time.

"Hopefully this is not my last."

Pepperell compiled stunning rounds of 65, 69 and 66 to begin the final round in a share of first place.

He opened up a three-shot lead at the turn, although an impressive fightback by Fisher meant the pair were separated by just a single stroke as they went up the par five last.

Fisher could have forced a play-off but missed a birdie putt from 10 feet on the 18th.

Pepperell won €236,315 (around £210,000) for winning and sits 13th in the early season Race to Dubai standings. He is not in action this week.

# Stars outshine the opponents

## Ice Hockey

OXFORD City Stars made light work of struggling Swindon Wildcats II and Invicta Mustangs as the division's top side cruised to a four-point weekender.

Swindon's second team lost 9-2 the last time the sides met and despite a more resilient fight back in Sunday's encounter, the Stars' quality proved too much for the visitors who skated to an 8-6 win.

Neither side was afraid to attack as both pushed each other to the limits.

The Wildcats took the early lead but goals from Stewart Tait and Joshua Cox swung things back in Oxford's direction, only for Harvey Robson to level with a second left on the clock in the first period.

The score remained tied at the end of the second period as both teams notched a further three goals, but Kamil Kinkor, Cox and Dax Hedges finished the game off in the third period.

On Saturday, Jamie Thompson earned a shut out against Invicta in his first match back with the Stars.

The final score in Gillingham was 6-0 to City, with Cox and Kinkor both getting on the score sheet alongside Theo Bundock and Martyn Gray.

Stars remain top of the NIHL South 2 on 42 points.

# Snow hits Barcelona testing after promising start for teams

Williams race driver Sergey Sirotkin, pictured, was slower than reserve driver Robert Kubica. Picture: *Williams Martini Racing*

Carlos Sainz takes the RS18, which has promised more reliability, for a spin. Picture: *Renault Sport Formula One Team*

Kevin Magnusson spent a lot of time in the garage during the first testing sessions. Picture: *Haas F1*

## F1

RESERVE driver Robert Kubica proved his worth by putting in a faster time than Sergey Sirotkin, who pipped the Pole to a Williams race seat, in his first official run out.

The Russian rookie was 0.327secs faster on day two of testing at a damp and chilly Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, where all 10 teams tested their new cars ahead of the 2018 season.

Kubica, who has only partial movement in his right arm as a result of injuries sustained in a rally accident in 2011, finished P7 from 39 laps compared to Sirotkin's P8 from 52 laps.

Weather conditions have masked performances of all the cars but Kubica believes Grove-based Williams have "achieved the maximum we could".

He was left encouraged by his first run-out: "It is not easy to jump into a new car with such difficult weather conditions and have the confidence to push, but I think we did some important work, although it was short.

"It gave us, and especially myself, an idea of how to work better for the future to address some areas where we can improve the car."

The 33-year-old did, however, admit work needed to be done on 'some issues'.

Lance Stroll took the Williams for a 46-lap stint without any problems on Monday.

But it was Renault who enjoyed the most satisfying opening day of testing.

The Enstone-based outfit impressed with Nico Hulkenberg fourth quickest before Carlos Sainz, in for the afternoon session, took the RS18 to 99 laps for the day.

Day two was even colder and Sainz, surprised to manage 65 laps, was in for both the morning and afternoon sessions, recording a P5 finish.

McLaren's Fernando Alonso unexplainably lost his right rear wheel on Monday while for Banbury's Haas, heavy drizzle towards the middle of the afternoon meant their first day rather fizzled out.

Romain Grosjean managed 55 laps before Kevin Magnussen hopped in the cockpit for a "difficult" 36 laps in Tuesday's session.

Snow fall caused delays to the start of day three yesterday (Wednesday).

The second and final winter test, also to be held at Barcelona, will start on March 6. The lights go out for the new season in Melbourne on March 25.

■ Williams have confirmed Martini will not extend its title sponsorship when it expires at the end of the season. Deputy team principal Claire Williams stressed the team is on a secure financial footing.

# Crews reveal their blues for 2018 boat races

## Rowing

THE official Blue Boat crews were revealed for this year's Cancer Research UK Boat Race on Monday.

There were several former Blues and notable new additions for both races, showcasing the very best collegiate athletes in the world's best known Varsity match.

On the women's side, former Osiris athlete Katherine Erickson returns to Oxford from a year abroad as president of the Women's Boat Club to make her Blue Boat debut.

Former Princeton University scholar Sara Ushma and US lightweight international Morgan McGovern provide experience and power in the middle of the crew.

Oxford weigh in at 70.9kg, with the scales tipped slightly in Cambridge's favour at 73kg.

Oxford University Men's Boat Club, winners in four of the last five Boat Race encounters, name a crew with three returning Blues.

Joshua Bugajski and Vassilis Ragoussis both raced in last year's winning crew, while Will Geffen competed in 2015.

Anders Weiss, a former US Olympian, is a new name on the Dark Blue roster.

Cambridge start as the heaver of the men's crews at 89.8kg per man, compared to Oxford's 85.6kg.

The 164th Men's Boat Race and the 73rd Women's Boat Race will take place over the famous course on Saturday, March 24.

Sport

# 'Great signing' adds two more

By George Welch

## Oxford City

MARK Jones marked Oxford City's disappointing 2-1 defeat at Concord Rangers at the start of February as a 'turning point' after his side made it three wins on the bounce on Saturday.

City's defeat against the fellow strugglers made it five games without a win but a tactical shake-up since then has reversed the Hoops' fortunes.

The weekend's impressive 2-0 win at home to Chelmsford City not only completed the double over the Essex side but made it three successive wins against promotion-hunting teams.

Jones said: "That was definitely a low moment at Concord and after we felt that if we carry on the way we are we could be in trouble, even though we have good players.

"We've changed things, brought a couple of players in and changed the shape to a 3-4-3 system and it's paid off for us."

He added: "Sometimes as manager you try things and it doesn't come off. I'm not saying it was a tactical masterstroke but what we didn't do is just accept it.

"We wanted to do something about it and thankfully it's come off for us."

Saturday's win was secured after another telling impact from Milton Keynes Dons loanee Sam Nombe, who netted both goals to take his tally to five goals in two and a bit games.

Should Oxford survive, which they should do easily if last month was anything to go by, Nombe's signing will have been a significant factor.

Singing the praises of his new start man, Jones said: "Sam looks like a great signing for us. Five goals in three games – what a start to his time here with us.

"He's got good pace, knows where the goal is and is a real threat for us.

"Working up there alongside Matt Paterson and Zak McEachran or Rob Sinclair looks like a potent front three."

Clearly enjoying his stay in Oxfordshire, Nombe said it is "a great joy" to be playing at Court Place Farm.

Sam Nombe runs through two Chelmsford City players. Picture: *Michael Allen*

City, up to 14th and 10 points above the National League South relegation zone, travel to mid-table side Wealdstone (12th) on Saturday.

# Ford laments panic and lack of composure in draw

## Banbury United

IT was a frustrating two points dropped for Banbury United who rounded off an unbeaten February with a disappointing 1-1 draw at home to Kings Langley on Saturday.

The Puritans took the lead via a 79th minute Elliot Sandy spot-kick but sat back and, according to boss Mike Ford, 'got what they deserved' when they conceded a 94th minute leveller.

It is now five games unbeaten for United, but Ford cut an irritated figure after a poor defensive display caused the third draw of the month.

He said: "We couldn't cope with going into the lead. We just hacked at it, panicked and showed no composure.

"We lost all the composure that we'd shown in the previous two weeks – that's ultimately what cost us."

Sandy was felled in the box and the midfielder dusted himself off to score the opener from the spot.

Kings Langley refused to give up though and grabbed an 94th minute equaliser when Jorrell Johnson headed home from six yards.

Ford added: "If we want to be a team that are going to be challenging in and around the top boys then when you're not your best you need to win the game 1-0.

"We got so deep, defensive and negative. You get what you deserve and I think the last 10 minutes we got what we deserved."

Banbury (8th), six points off the play-offs, travel to St Neots Town (11th) on Saturday.

# Hat-trick hero McDonagh wins over new team-mates

## Evo-Stik round-up

NEW signing Conor McDonagh impressed his new Kidlington team-mates by bagging a hat-trick on his full debut in a 4-0 romp at promotion hopefuls Bideford.

The former Banbury United forward seized on a defensive lapse to give the Greens the lead at the end of a fairly even first half.

Mark Janes bent in a second on the hour before McDonagh made it 3-0 with 15 minutes left.

He completed his hat-trick in injury-time, racing clear of a ragged home defence to find the back of the net.

Struggling North Leigh ended their horrendous run of results with a remarkable 1-1 draw at home to runaway leaders Taunton Town.

The Millers, who had picked up only one point from their previous 10 games, fell behind to a Craig Veal foal on 15 minutes but Declan Shepperd ensured the points were shared with a left-footed effort on 56 minutes.

Elsewhere in the Evo-Stik South West division, Didcot Town came from two goals down to draw 2-2 at Yate Town and stay in fourth place.

An Adam Price goal on the half hour mark and a second half Steve Davies penalty gave the home side the two-goal advantage.

But Diddy fought back via a George Jeacock penalty on 53 minutes and, four minutes later, a Callum McNish strike.

Meanwhile, in the east division, Dan West scored the only goal of the game to give Thame United a 1-0 victory at home to Cambridge City.

Callum McNish pulls Didcot Town level in their 2-2 draw at Yate Town
Picture: *Roger Neal*

# Cup glory for Littlemore after weathering Wheatley storm

## Rugby

SMALL errors cost Wheatley a chance of cup glory as Littlemore held the Oxfordshire bragging rights with a 23-10 win in the 2018 Shield final at Iffley Road on Saturday.

Littlemore weathered sustained periods of intense pressure from Wheatley who could not capitalise on the chances they created.

A slow start saw Wheatley concede in the sixth minute to a Stuart Beal penalty before Jonny Gerrard broke the narrow defence to score out wide three minutes later.

Aaron Laman reduced the deficit with a penalty but the score could have been worse if not for Sanda Mpanza's try saving cover tackles as the purple wall did its best to avoid further breaches.

Littlemore's Luke Ward found space to burrow over for a try on the stroke of halftime with Beal adding the extras as Wheatley's attacking display went unrewarded.

In the second half, Wheatley were aggrieved at conceding a penalty for 'careless use of the boot', which Beale duly converted.

Wheatley upped the intensity soon after and Jack Taylor eventually found enough space to ghost through and cross the line with Laman adding the conversion, but Littlemore were able to see out the match.

Wheatley are back in league action on Saturday against Tadley.

**Vanarama National League South**
*Saturday 24 February*
**Oxford City** 2-0 Chelmsford City

**Evo-Stik South Premier**
*Saturday 24 February*
**Banbury United** 1-1 Kings Langley

**Evo-Stik South East**
*Saturday 24 February*
**Thame United** 1-0 Cambridge City
*Tuesday 27 February*
Hartley Wintney P-P **Thame United**

**Evo-Stik South West**
*Saturday 24 February*
Bideford 0-4 **Kidlington**
**North Leigh** 1-1 Taunton Town
Yate Town 2-2 **Didcot Town**
*Tuesday 27 February*
Bideford P-P **North Leigh**
*Wednesday 28 February*
Kidlington P-P Shortwood United

**Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division**
*Saturday 24 February*
Fairford Town 2-2 **Abingdon United**
Flackwell Heath 4-0 **Wantage Town**
*Tuesday 27 February*
**Oxford City Nomads** 2-3 Binfield
Tuffley Rovers P-P **Wantage Town**

# Freds given what four by Flackwell

## Hellenic round-up

IT was a disastrous day at the office for Wantage Town who were thrashed 4-0 at Flackwell Heath.

The Freds are now just three points ahead of the Buckinghamshire side in the Hellenic Premier Division following the heavy defeat at Wilks Park.

The south Oxfordshire side dominated early on, Nick Thorne going closest with a fierce drive on 11 minutes.

Despite dictating play, the Alfredian's fell behind to a 34th minute Dean Allen goal. Town failed to regroup and a couple of Jordan Dowdican goals in the final five minutes of the half made it 3-0 at the break.

Charlie Samuel added the extras for Flackwell on 79 minutes.

Meanwhile, Abingdon United conceded a last minute equaliser as they had to settle for a 2-2 draw at Fairford Town.

Conor Lynch gave Fairford a third minute lead before Tom Butler levelled the scores for United.

Abingdon took the lead five minutes into the second half thanks to a John Dennis strike but Steve Alman's side were pegged back when Lynch grabbed his brace in stoppage time.

Oxford City Nomads lost their fourth league game in a row after their fixture at home to Binfield on Tuesday night beat the weather.

The development side lost 3-2, with goals from Craig Fasanmade (16 minutes) and Connor Mattimore (93).

Nomads are the only team in league action at the weekend, as they prepare to welcome Brimscombe & Thrupp (7th) to Marsh Lane.

# Important point to start era, but it could have been more

By George Welch

## Northampton Town 0
## Oxford United 0

Attendance: 7,095 (1,444 away)

Wes Thomas heads against the post
Picture: Steve Daniels

THE Tiger era started with a draw if not quite a roar as Oxford United stopped the rot of three successive defeats with a 0-0 stalemate at Northampton Town on Saturday.

Both strugglers had their chances to nick the win, with United weathering a first-half storm before dominating the second period.

But for the U's, who started the weekend just five points above the relegation zone and four ahead of the Cobblers, avoiding defeat at Sixfields was imperative.

Caretaker boss Derek Fazackerley was relieved to get the new era for the club under way with a clean sheet and an important point.

He said: "Keeping a clean sheet, getting a point and keeping the points difference between us and Northampton in an away game was important.

"The players deserved it. It would have been cruel if we hadn't got something out of the game.

"One or two decisions we made in the attacking third maybe cost us at times but in general I'm reasonably pleased with the performance, particularity the defending.

"If anyone was going to win the game towards the end I thought it would be us."

Chris Long missed a hat-trick of chances for Northampton, including two inside the first 18 minutes, while, at the other end, Richardinho's goalbound shot was blocked on the line by Brendan Moloney.

In the second half Isaac Buckley-Ricketts clipped the top of the crossbar as Oxford grew into the game with Ryan Ledson also whipping a long-range effort narrowly wide.

The best opening of the entire game fell late on to Wes Thomas, who should have won it for Oxford but missed the target from six yards.

Skipper John Mousinho was delighted to secure a first clean sheet in nine games.

"We have been working a lot on our defence work and from that point of view we were really pleased", he said.

Oxford remain 15th but moved six points clear of the League One relegation zone.

They host 20th-placed Fleetwood Town, who are a place and a point above the trap door, in another huge game on Saturday.

# Ex-U's striker scores to add to her former team's woes

## OUFCW

EX-OXFORD United Women star Ini Umotong scored against her former teammates for the second time in two matches.

The Brighton & Hove Albion striker scored the fourth goal in an easy 5-1 Seagulls win over the U's last week.

Umotong, who also netted in November's 2-2 draw, grabbed a well-deserved goal on the south coast with a fine finish nine minutes from the end.

The defeat made it four away losses on the spin for the homesick U's, who remain in sixth place in the WSL2.

Aileen Whelan was the stand out player at Culver Road, scoring a hat-trick.

It was Kate Natkiel who opened the scoring though with a rifled finish on four minutes.

Whelan opened her account on the half hour mark, converting from an Umotong knockdown as Brighton dominated.

United were back in it on the hour when Chloe Chivers found the back of the net from distance.

Whelan (71 minutes) restored the two-goal cushion with a clinical finish following some more impressive play from Umotong.

Umotong, Oxford's top scorer between 2016 and 2017, made it 4-1 and Whelan (84) rounded the win and her hat-trick with an unstoppable finish.

Oxford are next in action on March 25 when they entertain Millwall Lionesses.

# 'So proud to have been chairman'

DARRYL Eales said his three-and-a-half year stint as chairman of Oxford United was a "privilege".

The private equity expert from Birmingham took a step back last week after Thai businessman Sumrith 'Tiger' Thanakarnjanasuth took over the club as chairman and majority shareholder.

Under his stewardship, Eales, who will maintain an influential role on the club board, implemented a coherent plan that transformed a drifting League Two club into a third-tier side with Championship ambitions.

Promotion, Wembley experiences (albeit defeats), cup runs and some scintillating performances are undoubtedly the highlights since Eales took the helm in the summer of 2014.

Frustrations over stadium ownership will linger, but Eales looks

back on his tenure fondly, both as a chairman and a football fan.

He said: "It has been a privilege to serve as chairman over the past three-and-a-half years.

"To be part of a team which changed the culture and mindset of the club and achieved promotion from League Two was fantastic.

"Crowds have risen from around 5,000 to an average of over 8,000 and there have been unforgettable moments, not just two trips to Wembley but the promotion day against Wycombe and the wins over Swansea and Newcastle, not forgetting those great battles against our rivals from Swindon.

"I am so proud to have been part of that."

He added: "Sharing so many experiences with our fantastic fans - sometimes on the terraces with them - has been a personal highlight."

Eales also said an update on a new training ground would be provided "in the very near future".

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| 2 | Shrewsbury Town | 34 | 19 | 68 |
| 3 | Wigan Athletic | 31 | 39 | 66 |
| 4 | Rotherham United | 34 | 19 | 62 |
| 5 | Scunthorpe United | 35 | 12 | 57 |
| 6 | Plymouth Argyle | 35 | 1 | 53 |
| 7 | Charlton Athletic | 33 | 2 | 51 |
| 8 | Peterborough United | 34 | 9 | 50 |
| 9 | Bradford City | 34 | -3 | 50 |
| 10 | Portsmouth | 35 | -2 | 49 |
| 11 | Gillingham | 35 | 0 | 46 |
| 12 | Bristol Rovers | 34 | -3 | 46 |
| 13 | Southend United | 33 | -9 | 44 |
| 14 | Doncaster Rovers | 35 | -1 | 42 |
| 15 | Oxford United | 34 | -2 | 42 |
| 16 | Blackpool | 34 | -2 | 42 |
| 17 | Walsall | 34 | -5 | 41 |
| 18 | AFC Wimbledon | 35 | -12 | 38 |
| 19 | Northampton Town | 35 | -22 | 38 |
| 20 | Fleetwood Town | 34 | -11 | 37 |
| 21 | Oldham Athletic | 33 | -12 | 36 |
| 22 | MK Dons | 34 | -15 | 32 |
| 23 | Bury | 34 | -22 | 29 |
| 24 | Rochdale | 30 | -12 | 26 |

# OxVox backing for Tiger's takeover of U's

OXFORD United's supporters club has thrown its 'wholehearted support' behind the club's new owner and chairman.

OxVox met Sumrith "Tiger" Thanakarnjanasuth and Darryl Eales in recent weeks and, sworn to secrecy, admitted it has been a 'frustrating' time for fans.

In a statement released last week, the group said: "Tiger takes over at a time when the club faces a number of key challenges on and off the field.

"We look forward to hearing Tiger's plans and to working with him for the good of Oxford United and its supporters.

"Our new Thai owner joins a club whose fans are eager for it to build on the recent successes, and will offer their wholehearted support to any owner that shares their ambitions to see a progressive football club that OUFC fans and the wider community can be proud of."

Tiger promised his ambitions for the club 'match if not exceed' those of the fans.

OxVox also used its statement to pay tribute to outgoing chairman Eales.

The group praised the "huge contribution" the businessman has made to the club over the last three and a half years.

The statement hailed league and cup successes as well as progress with staff development, player recruitment and an exciting playing style.

OxVox also commended Eales for the development of women's football, youth football and community work.

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# Tiger hoping to pounce soon and unveil new U's manager

## Bellamy rules himself out

By George Welch

NEW owner and chairman Sumrith Thanakarnjanasuth has promised to announce a new Oxford United manager 'imminently'.

Thanakarnjanasuth, known as Tiger, confirmed at his formal unveiling on Monday that Craig Bellamy was one of four candidates the club is speaking to about the vacant manager's job.

Former Wales striker Bellamy, currently part of Neil Warnock's backroom staff at Cardiff City, has long been the bookies' favourite to replace Pep Clotet, who was sacked more than five weeks ago.

But on Tuesday night Bellamy, who is a pundit for Sky Sports, revealed he had withdrawn from talks.

Tiger refused to confirm who the other candidates were but that an announcement was due to be made by yesterday (Wednesday). There was no further update as we went to press in the morning.

The Thai businessman told this newspaper on Monday: "We haven't decided on anyone yet, [not] until within a day or two.

"I wish [for a swift appointment], if there is someone and we like him. It may not happen, so I don't want to commit to anything.

"I know it is important to make the decision as soon as possible."

The 55-year-old had experience of recruiting a manager during his stint at Championship side Reading.

He was part of a consortium that ran the club for three years until last May, but was only more hands-on in the final year.

Tiger spoke proudly of his appointment of former Manchester United defender Jaap Stam, who steered the Royals to the play-off final, at which point Tiger left the club.

**Sumrith Thanakarnjanasuth met the media for the first time on Monday**

He said: "I talked to six or seven guys face-to-face and my last two candidates were Jaap Stam and Erik ten Hag [now at Ajax] and finally I had Stam in the team.

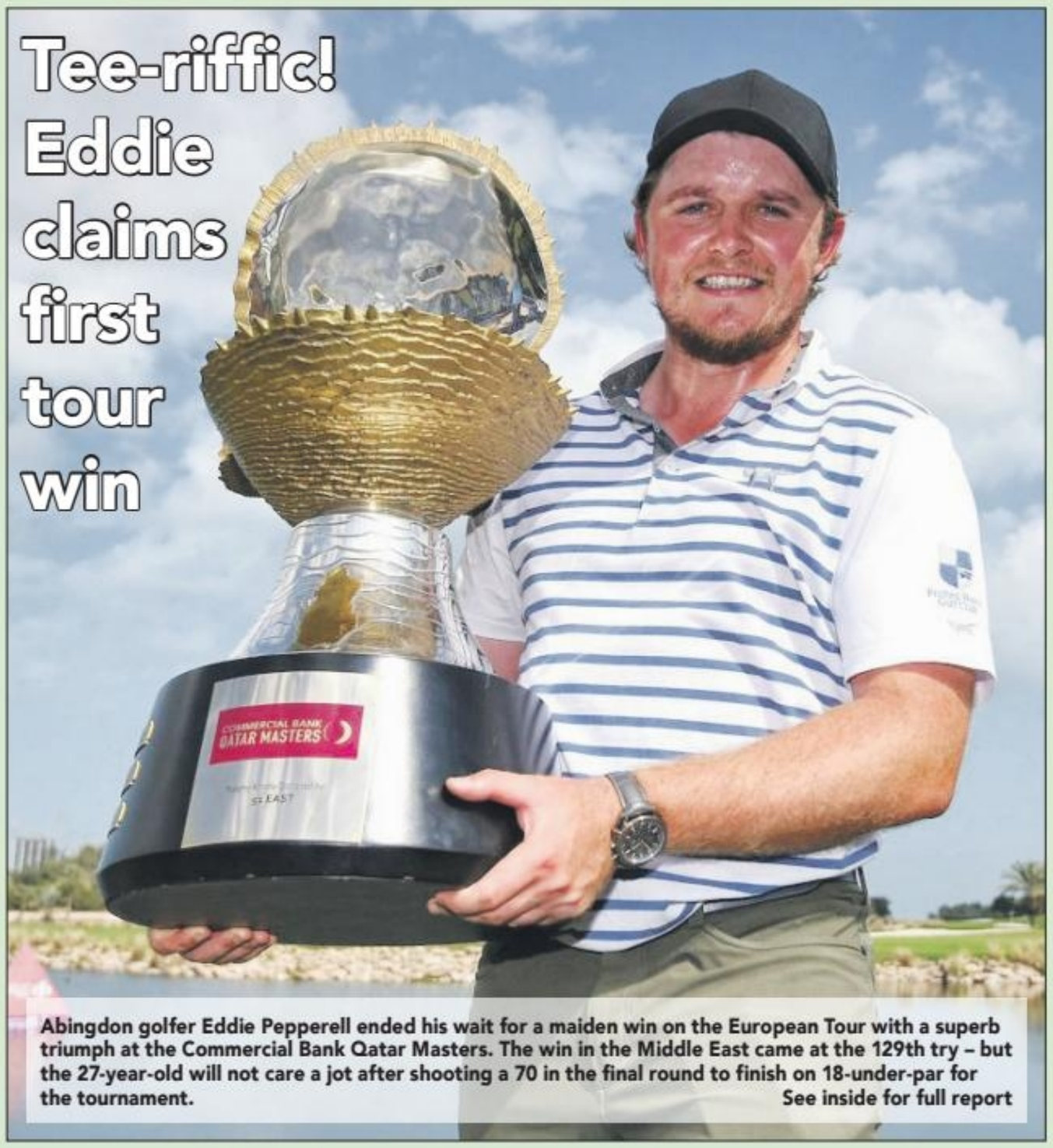
"You can bring in world class managers but there is no guarantee that you are going to be a success.

"There's your common sense – track record, past record, performance, personality, management, is all involved – but I think 30 per cent is your gut."

Tiger, who gets his nickname from the year of his birth in 1962, the Year of the Tiger, confirmed he invested in the club's January transfer window, prior to his formal takeover last Thursday.

After arriving more than an hour late to his press conference – the rail network was to blame – full details of his ambitions for the club were thin on the ground.

## Tee-riffic! Eddie claims first tour win




**Abingdon golfer Eddie Pepperell ended his wait for a maiden win on the European Tour with a superb triumph at the Commercial Bank Qatar Masters. The win in the Middle East came at the 129th try – but the 27-year-old will not care a jot after shooting a 70 in the final round to finish on 18-under-par for the tournament.**

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